

S 3026

Campus Free Speech Restoration Act

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Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Oct 20, 2021
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Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 20, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Oct 20, 2021
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Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		Oct 20, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 20, 2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 20, 2021
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Oct 21, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4897	Related bill	Sep 20, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 4007	Related bill	Jun 17, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill addresses expressive activities (e.g., peacefully assembling, distributing literature, or carrying signs) on college campuses.

First, the bill generally prohibits a public institution of higher education (IHE) that participates in federal student-aid programs from restricting noncommercial expressive activities in a generally accessible outdoor area on campus.

Further, the bill prohibits a public IHE from receiving federal funds if the Department of Education determines that the public IHE (1) maintains a policy that infringes upon the expressive rights of students; or (2) maintains or enforces time, place, or manner restrictions on expressive activities in a generally accessible outdoor area on campus, except in limited circumstances.

In addition, the bill prohibits retaliation against an individual because the individual reported or complained about restrictions on expressive activities or participated in an investigation or hearing.

The bill also requires a private IHE that receives federal funds to provide students with its policies related to expressive rights.

The bill also establishes a framework for investigating complaints and for IHEs to regain eligibility for federal funds.

Actions Timeline

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