

HR 5079

Open Schools Responsibly Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Aug 23, 2021
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Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Sep 7, 2021
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Dec 7, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 23, 2021)

Open Schools Responsibly Act

This bill limits civil liability for elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education relating to any harm arising from exposure to, or infection by, COVID-19 suffered by a student, employee, or visitor. Specifically, a school or institution shall not be liable for such harm if the school or institution was in compliance with applicable state requirements. However, a school or institution may be liable for acts or omissions that constitute willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or a conscious flagrant indifference to the rights or safety of the individual harmed.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Aug 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.