

## HR 5398

### Defending Students' Civil Rights Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

**Introduced:** Sep 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5398>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]

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

## Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Greene, Marjorie Taylor [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Oct 8, 2021

## Committee Activity

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

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Sep 28, 2021)

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#### Defending Students' Civil Rights Act of 2021

This bill prohibits the use of critical race theory or critical race pedagogy in any federally funded program or activity.

Specifically, the bill includes the use of critical race theory or critical race pedagogy as a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in federally funded programs or activities.

The bill defines *critical race pedagogy* as the separation of students or teachers, or the assignment of characteristics or assumptions, based on race, color, or national origin. The bill defines *critical race theory* as a curriculum that establishes specified principles relating to race or sex, including that (1) one race or sex is inherently superior to another, (2) the United States is fundamentally racist or sexist, and (3) an individual bears responsibility for the past actions of others of the same race or sex.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.