

S 590

CONFUCIUS Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Mar 4, 2021

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Mar 8, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2021

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7457	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 2622	Identical bill	Apr 16, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Concerns Over Nations Funding University Campus Institutes in the United States Act or the CONFUCIUS Act

This bill addresses China's influence on postsecondary educational institutions through Confucius Institutes, which are cultural institutes directly or indirectly funded by the Chinese government.

Specifically, the bill establishes requirements for postsecondary educational institutions that receive federal funding and that have contracts or agreements with Confucius Institutes. The contracts or agreements must include clear provisions that (1) protect the academic freedom of the institutions; (2) prohibit the application of foreign law on the institutions' campuses; and (3) grant full managerial authority of the institutes to the institutions, including full control over teaching plans, activities, research grants, and employment decisions.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 4, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1043; text: CR S1043)
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