

HR 7488

Freedom of Association in Higher Education Act of 2022

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Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		May 17, 2022
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jun 3, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

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117 HR 6978	Related bill	Mar 8, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill addresses freedom of association protections for college students in single-sex social organizations.

Specifically, the bill gives students (or groups of students) enrolled at institutions of higher education (IHEs) the right to form or join social organizations, including single-sex social organizations.

Additionally, the bill prohibits IHEs that participate in federal student-aid programs from

- taking adverse actions against single-sex social organizations or students who are members or prospective members of such organizations based solely on the practice of limiting membership to only individuals of one sex;
- taking actions that require or coerce members or prospective members of such organizations to waive protections provided under the bill, including as a condition of enrolling in the IHE; or
- imposing a recruitment restriction on a single-sex social organization that is not imposed upon other student organizations, unless the organization and IHE have entered into a written agreement allowing the restriction.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
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