

## HR 7492

### Protecting Innocence in Education Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Apr 11, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7492>

### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 11, 2022
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		May 6, 2022
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		May 6, 2022
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		May 13, 2022
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jun 7, 2022
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Aug 30, 2022
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Aug 30, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Sep 14, 2022
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Dec 30, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 11, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 11, 2022)

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### Protecting Innocence in Education Act

This bill prohibits federally mandated sex education in elementary schools.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the Department of Education (ED) from (1) requiring states, local educational agencies, or elementary schools to implement federal policies relating to sex education in elementary schools; or (2) punishing these entities (e.g., withholding federal funds or levying fines) for failing to implement or carry out these federal policies.

Additionally, the bill prohibits the Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education from (1) developing recommendations for these entities with respect to sex education in elementary schools; or (2) assessing ED's ability to levy intermediate fines for noncompliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs or activities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 11, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 11, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.