

## S 1236

### Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Apr 20, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Apr 20, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 31, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 20, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2802	Identical bill	Apr 24, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

### Summary (as of Apr 20, 2023)

### Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act

This bill requires institutions of higher education (IHEs) that participate in federal student-aid programs to share contact information for suicide prevention resources with students.

If IHEs distribute student identification cards, then they must include on the cards phone numbers for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, and a campus mental-health center or program.

If IHEs do not create such cards, then they must publish the numbers on their websites.

## Actions Timeline

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