

S 1709

Empower Parents to Protect Their Kids Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: May 18, 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. (May 18, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		May 18, 2023
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		May 18, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 18, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 18, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3462	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of May 18, 2023)

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This bill prohibits an elementary or secondary school from receiving federal funds unless the school complies with specified requirements related to parental consent and student gender identity.

Among other requirements, school employees may not withhold information from parents about a minor student's gender transition or gender identity. The Department of Justice or a parent or guardian may bring a civil action against a school for violations.

Actions Timeline

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