

## S 1970

### Informed Student Borrowing Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Jun 14, 2023

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

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]

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

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 14, 2023
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 14, 2023
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 14, 2023
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 15, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Jul 10, 2023

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 14, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4616	Identical bill	Jul 13, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
118 S 1972	Related bill	Jun 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Informed Student Borrowing Act of 2023**

This bill revises and expands loan counseling for borrowers of federal student loans.

Specifically, the bill requires an institution of higher education (IHE) that participates in federal student aid programs to provide loan counseling to a student borrower of a federal student loan at the first disbursement of a loan in each award year. Currently, an IHE must provide one-time entrance counseling to a student who is a first-time federal student loan borrower.

The bill also revises and expands required elements of loan counseling. For example, required elements of loan counseling must include (1) an explanation that the borrower must affirmatively determine and manually enter the federal loan amount that the borrower will borrow for each award year, and (2) sample monthly repayment amounts based on the standard repayment plan and the most commonly used income-driven repayment plan.

Each IHE must ensure that student borrowers and parent borrowers manually enter the exact dollar amount of the loan that they wish to borrow for the year.

If an IHE provides a student or prospective student with a financial aid award notification that includes funds under the Federal Work-Study Program, then the IHE must ensure that the notification includes an explanation that these funds are not directly awarded to the student or IHE and that such amounts must be earned through the student's completion of work over time.

## **Actions Timeline**

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