

HR 2451

Freedom of Association in Higher Education Act of 2023

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Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 29, 2024
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Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		May 14, 2024
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 14, 2024
Rep. Kiggans, Jennifer A. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		May 24, 2024
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jun 14, 2024
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jul 24, 2024
Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 30, 2024
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Oct 29, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 30, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1626	Related bill	Mar 17, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of Mar 30, 2023)

Freedom of Association in Higher Education Act of 2023

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

- **Mar 30, 2023:** Introduced in House
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