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Schools Not Shelters Act

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Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 28, 2023
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 28, 2023
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 28, 2023
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Oct 17, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 28, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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Schools Not Shelters Act

This bill denies federal funds to schools providing emergency shelter or housing to certain non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law), subject to exceptions.

Under the bill, primary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education are ineligible for federal funds if they provide emergency shelter or housing exclusively to non-U.S. nationals under the order of state, local, or federal government. The bill excepts short-term (72 hours or less) emergency shelter made necessary by qualifying disasters.

Federal funds denied by the bill include grants, loans, loan guarantees, and property, but not certain reimbursements for services rendered.

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