

HR 3724

End Woke Higher Education Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Williams, Brandon [R-NY-22]	R · NY		May 30, 2023
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Jun 9, 2023
Rep. Houchin, Erin [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Mar 21, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Unknown	Sep 19, 2024
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 23, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 1455	Related bill	Sep 18, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Accreditation for College Excellence Act of 2023

This bill revises the requirements for an accrediting agency to be recognized by the Department of Education as a reliable authority on the quality of education being offered at an institution of higher education (IHE).

Specifically, an accrediting agency must confirm that its standards do not require, encourage, or coerce an IHE to (1) support, oppose, or commit to supporting or opposing specific partisan, political, or ideological viewpoints or beliefs or specific viewpoints or beliefs on social, cultural, or political issues; or (2) support or commit to supporting the disparate treatment of any individual or group on the basis of any protected class under federal civil rights law.

Additionally, an accrediting agency must confirm that its standards do not prohibit an IHE from having a religious mission. The accrediting agency may not prohibit the IHE from requiring an applicant, student, employee, or independent contractor to provide a statement of faith or adhere to a code of conduct.

The bill specifies that an IHE shall be eligible to participate in federal student aid programs if the IHE is in compliance with the standards of the accrediting agency that assesses the IHE in accordance with statute.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 23, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1455. (consideration: CR H5463-5477; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H5471-5474)
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3724, H.R. 4790, H.R. 5179, H.R. 5339, H.R. 5717, H.R. 7909 and H.J. Res. 136. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3724 and H.R. 5717 under a structured rule and H.R. 4790, H.R. 5179, H.R. 5339, H.R. 7909, and H.J. Res. 136 under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each measure.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Michael Guest to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 1455 and Rule XVIII.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 3724.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1455, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Molinaro amendment No. 1.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1455, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Ogles amendment No. 2.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 1455, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Ogles amendment No. 3.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 3724.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** The House adopted the amendments en gros as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Ms. Bonamici moved to recommit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. (text: CR H5477)
- **Sep 19, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 3724, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote announced that the yeas had prevailed. Ms. Bonamici demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5495-5496)
- **Sep 19, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 195 - 203 (Roll no. 432).
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 213 - 201 (Roll no. 433).
- **Sep 19, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 213 - 201 (Roll no. 433).
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1455 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3724, H.R. 4790, H.R. 5179, H.R. 5339, H.R. 5717, H.R. 7909 and H.J. Res. 136. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3724 and H.R. 5717 under a structured rule and H.R. 4790, H.R. 5179, H.R. 5339, H.R. 7909, and H.J. Res. 136 under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each measure.
- **Apr 23, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 118-467.
- **Apr 23, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 386.
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 21, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 14.
- **May 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.