

HR 5998

America’s College Promise Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Oct 19, 2023
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Oct 19, 2023
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 19, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 19, 2023
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Oct 19, 2023
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Oct 19, 2023
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Nov 2, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Nov 2, 2023
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 2, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3086	Identical bill	Oct 19, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill provides funding and establishes grant programs to expand access to higher education, including by providing free community college to students.

Specifically, the bill establishes a program to waive resident tuition and fees for community college students. The Department of Education (ED) must award grants to states and tribal colleges and universities to pay the federal share of the program.

As a condition of receiving such a grant, a state must (1) submit a plan to align the requirements for receiving a regular high school diploma with the requirements for entering credit-bearing coursework at community colleges; and (2) submit a plan to improve transfer pathways between institutions of higher education (IHEs), including by ensuring that associate degrees awarded by community colleges are fully transferable to four-year IHEs.

Next, the bill directs ED to award grants to states and tribal colleges and universities for implementing evidence-based institutional reforms and innovative practices to improve student outcomes.

In addition, ED must award grants to participating historically Black colleges and universities, tribal colleges and universities, and minority-serving institutions to waive or significantly reduce the first 60 credits of tuition and fees for low-income students.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 25, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
- **Oct 19, 2023:** Introduced in House