

HJRES 61

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor relating to "Rescission of Implementing Legal Requirements Regarding the Equal Opportunity Clause's Religious Exemption Rule".

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: May 11, 2023

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (May 11, 2023)

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 SJRES 36 | Related bill | Jun 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 118 SJRES 27 | Related bill | May 11, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Summary (as of May 11, 2023)

This joint resolution nullifies the final rule submitted by the Department of Labor titled *Rescission of Implementing Legal Requirements Regarding the Equal Opportunity Clause's Religious Exemption Rule*. This rule, which became effective March 31, 2023, rescinded a rule that became effective January 8, 2021. The rule that became effective in 2021 expanded the religious exemption to the prohibition on federal contractors and subcontractors discriminating in employment decisions based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or other factors.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.