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Affordable College Textbook Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Mar 27, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1811	Identical bill	Mar 27, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of Mar 27, 2023)

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This bill directs the Department of Education to make grants to institutions of higher education or states to support projects that expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students while maintaining or improving instruction and student learning outcomes. An open textbook is an educational resource that either resides in the public domain or has been released under an intellectual license that permits its free use, reuse, modification, and sharing with others.

Actions Timeline

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