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Affordable College Textbook Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Mar 27, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text: CR S955-9

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text: CR S955-957) (Mar 27, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/978>

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         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 27, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 118 HR 1811 | Identical bill | <b>Mar 27, 2023:</b> 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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