

S 2859

A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure campus access at public institutions of higher education for religious groups.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Sep 18, 2025

Current Status: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. (Mar 19, 2026)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Banks, Jim [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 19, 2025
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Sep 19, 2025
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 29, 2025
Sen. Justice, James C. [R-WV]	R · WV		Dec 2, 2025
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 17, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 18, 2025
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 19, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 5505	Identical bill	Sep 18, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

Summary

No summary is currently available for this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 19, 2026:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.
- **Sep 18, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 18, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6732-6734)
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