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ACCESS Act

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 13, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 13, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 5235	Related bill	Feb 24, 2026: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Jan 13, 2025)

Allowing Contractors to Choose Employees for Select Skills Act or the ACCESS Act

This bill prohibits federal contract bid solicitations for contractor personnel from including minimum educational requirements unless the contracting officer justifies the requirements. The prohibition applies to educational requirements that may be met through education alone, education or experience, or a combination of education and experience.

The bill also requires the Office of Management and Budget to issue implementing guidance to federal agencies, including instructions for contracting officers that encourage using alternatives to education requirements.

