

HR 8705

CHARLIE Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: May 7, 2026

Current Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 15.

Latest Action: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 15. (May 21, 2026)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]

Party: Republican • State: UT • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-41] | R · CA        |      | Sep 16, 2026 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred To | May 7, 2026  |
| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Markup By   | May 21, 2026 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Civics and History Advancement to Restore Learning, Integrity, and Education Act or the CHARLIE Act**

This bill prohibits the use of federal funding made available for the American History and Civics Education program to fund discriminatory equity ideology or gender ideology, as defined in certain executive orders. Further, in awarding grants under this program, the Department of Education may not give priority to an eligible entity on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status.

The bill defines *discriminatory equity ideology* in accordance with [Executive Order 14190](#), which was published on January 29, 2025. This definition refers to ideology that treats individuals as members of preferred or disfavored groups rather than as individuals, including listed ideologies (e.g., an ideology that members of one race, color, sex, or national origin are morally or inherently superior to members of another race, color, sex, or national origin, or that an individual is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive by virtue of the individual's race, color, sex, or national origin).

The bill defines *gender ideology* in accordance with [Executive Order 14168](#), which was published on January 20, 2025. This definition refers to an ideology that replaces categories of biological sex with gender identity.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 21, 2026:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 21, 2026:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 15.
- **May 7, 2026:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2026:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

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