

S 986

Safe Schools Improvement Act

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Policy Area: Education

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Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 13, 2025
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 24, 2025
Sen. Luján, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 23, 2025
Sen. Kim, Andy [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 7, 2025
Sen. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 19, 2025
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 12, 2026
Sen. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 12, 2026
Sen. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 28, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 12, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1810	Identical bill	Mar 3, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2025)

Safe Schools Improvement Act

This bill requires states to direct their local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish policies that prevent and prohibit bullying and harassment of elementary and secondary school students. In particular, these policies must prohibit bullying and harassment based on race, color, national origin, disability, religion, or sex. Sex includes sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics (including intersex traits).

Further, LEAs must provide (1) students, parents, and educational professionals with annual notice of the conduct prohibited in their disciplinary policies; (2) students and parents with grievance procedures that target such conduct; and (3) the public with annual data on the incidence and frequency of that conduct at the school and LEA level.

The Department of Education must conduct and report on an independent biennial evaluation of programs and policies to combat bullying and harassment in elementary and secondary schools. The National Center for Education Statistics must collect state data to determine the incidence and frequency of the conduct prohibited by LEA disciplinary policies.

Actions Timeline

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