

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1168

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2019

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina)  
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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campus access at public institutions of higher education  
for religious groups.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Equal Campus Access  
5 Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. CAMPUS ACCESS FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS.**

7 Part B of title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 1011 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following:

1 **“SEC. 124. CAMPUS ACCESS FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS.**

2       “None of the funds made available under this Act  
3 may be provided to any public institution of higher edu-  
4 cation that denies to a religious student organization any  
5 right, benefit, or privilege that is otherwise afforded to  
6 other student organizations at the institution (including  
7 full access to the facilities of the institution and official  
8 recognition of the organization by the institution) because  
9 of the religious beliefs, practices, speech, leadership stand-  
10 ards, or standards of conduct of the religious student or-  
11 ganization.”.

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