

Union Calendar No. 730

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5505

[Report No. 119–833]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. ONDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Additional sponsors: Ms. LETLOW, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. MESSMER, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BOST, and Mr. CLYDE

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 18, 2025]

A BILL

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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 2026”.*

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

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

11 **“SEC. 124. CAMPUS ACCESS FOR RELIGIOUS STUDENT**
12 **GROUPS.**

13 *“None of the funds made available under this Act may*
14 *be provided to any public institution of higher education*
15 *that denies to a religious student organization any right,*
16 *benefit, or privilege that is otherwise afforded to other stu-*
17 *dent organizations at the institution (including full access*
18 *to the facilities of the institution and official recognition*
19 *of the organization by the institution) because of the reli-*
20 *gious beliefs, practices, speech, leadership standards, or*
21 *standards of conduct of the religious student organization.”.*

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