

CONGRESS.GOV QUICK START guide

FIND A BILL

Search for bills and resolutions by number or keyword.

- Type a word or phrase into the **Words & Phrases** box. Use AND, OR and NOT to connect search terms.
- Enter a bill, resolution or law number in the **Legislation and Law Numbers** box. Click on **Search** or press *Enter* on your keyboard.
- Use **Search Tools** link at top of page to find number formats and other search connectors.
- Click on the **Reset** button to clear the form and start a new search.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Searches' page on CONGRESS.GOV. Red circles highlight the following elements:

- Search Tools** link in the top navigation bar.
- Words & Phrases** input field.
- Legislation and Law Numbers** input field.
- Search** and **Reset** buttons at the bottom right.

MODIFY YOUR SEARCH

Home page search form defaults to legislation from the current Congress.

- Use the drop-down menu to expand your search to other collections.
- From search results page, click on **MORE OPTIONS** to modify your search parameters.
- Narrow your search by using the **filters** and selecting additional search constraints.
- Choose a different way to sort your results from the **Sort by** menu.

The screenshot shows the search results page for 'education'. Red circles highlight:

- The **Current Legislation** drop-down menu on the left sidebar.
- The **MORE OPTIONS** button in the top right of the results area.

FOLLOW CURRENT ACTIVITIES

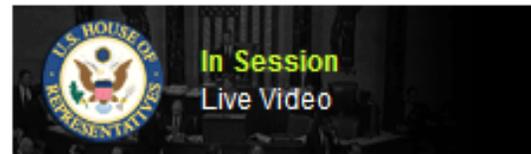
Find out about Congressional activities.

- Easy access from the home page.
- See when each chamber is in session.
- Watch live floor proceedings.
- View committee schedules.
- Subscribe to RSS feeds for Most-Viewed Bills, On the House Floor Today, On the Senate Floor today and more.

Current Legislative Activities

115th Congress (2017-2018)

House of Representatives



Today: July 10, 2018
The House convened at 12:00 p.m.

Senate



Today: July 10, 2018
The Senate convened at 10:00 a.m.

SAVE YOUR SEARCHES AND GET ALERTS

Set up an account to save search queries and set up email alerts.

- From **Sign In** link in right top corner of any page, select **Create an account** for one-time set up of your account.
- Sign in with email and password.
- Select **Save this Search** from any search results page.
- Select **Get Alerts** from saved search confirmation popover to receive an email when your search results change.

The screenshot shows the CONGRESS.GOV search interface. The search term is 'education'. A red circle highlights the 'Save this Search' link. A blue box highlights a popover that appears after clicking 'Save this Search', with a red circle around the 'Get Alerts' button. The search results show 1-100 of 4,066 results, with the first result being H.R. 3463, CCAMPIS Reauthorization Act.

READ the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Link to Congressional Record home page from header or footer of any page.

- Daily Digest of most recent issue is displayed. Tabs go to other sections.
- Select **Entire Issue (PDF)** for a display formatted like the print copy.
- Find older issues by selecting a date from the calendar or **Browse by Date** to see all issues and sections in order.
- **Get alerts** to be notified when today's issue is available.

The screenshot shows the CONGRESS.GOV Congressional Record page. The search term is 'homeland security', 'medicare'. The page displays the 'Congressional Record' title and navigation options. A red circle highlights the 'Browse by Date' link, and another red circle highlights the 'Get alerts' link. The current issue is dated October 9, 2018, and the 'Entire Issue (PDF)' link is also circled in red.

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