

107TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3319

To amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to limit the recovery of attorneys' fees in certain civil rights cases.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GOODE, Ms. HART, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mr. WELDON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 "Student Freedom of  
5 Religious Expression Act".

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON RECOVERY OF ATTORNEYS' FEES IN**  
2 **CERTAIN CASES.**

3 Section 722(b) of the Revised Statutes of the United  
4 States (42 U.S.C. 1988(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “In” and inserting “Except as  
6 otherwise provided in this subsection, in”;

7 (2) by striking “, except that” and inserting “.  
8 However,”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following: “Attor-  
10 neys’ fees under this section may not be allowed in  
11 any action claiming that a public school or its agent  
12 violates the constitutional prohibition against the es-  
13 tablishment of religion by permitting, facilitating, or  
14 accommodating a student’s religious expression.”.

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