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Better Education for Students and Teachers Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Markup By	May 4, 2001

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 1	Companion bill	Jan 8, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-110.

Better Education for Students and Teachers Act - Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to revise title I as Better Results for Disadvantaged Children (currently Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards). Revises title I part A with respect to: (1) yearly testing and assessments of student performance; (2) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards; (3) identification of schools for improvement and corrective actions; (4) public school choice options under certain conditions; (5) reporting to parents and the public on school performance and teacher quality; (6) State reservation of funds for school improvement; (7) formulas relating to Basic, Concentration, Targeted, and Education Finance Incentive Grants; and (8) eligibility requirements for schoolwide programs. Revises title I to: (1) reauthorize the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program; (2) establish Reading First and Early Reading First initiative programs; (3) reauthorize 21st Century Learning Centers; and (4) establish a program for Comprehensive School Reform.

Dropout Prevention Act - Establishes a program for School Dropout Prevention.

Amends the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to revise and reauthorize provisions for education for homeless children and youth.

Revises title II, Teachers, to: (1) replace the current Eisenhower Professional Development and Class-Size Reduction programs; and (2) establish a part A Teacher Quality formula grant program for States and LEAs to support various similar activities to improve elementary and secondary school teaching. Sets forth requirements relating to such State and LEA activities and performance objectives. Includes among authorized national teacher activities, administered by the Secretary, support for: (1) professional development for school leaders; (2) teachers seeking advanced certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; (3) the Troops-to-Teachers program recruiting military retirees into teaching; and (4) a program supporting transition to teaching by mid-career professionals. Establishes a part B Mathematics and Science Partnerships program involving SEAs, higher education mathematics or science departments, and LEAs. Reauthorizes the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse for Math and Science Education. Establishes the Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology grants program. Replaces various current ESEA title III technology for education programs with a title II part C State and Local Programs for Technology Use in Classrooms, with formula grants to States to provide competitive grants to LEAs.

Teacher Mobility Act - Establishes a National Panel on Portability of Teacher Pensions and Credentials.

Sets forth as a new title III, Education for Limited English Proficient and Recent Immigrant Pupils (transferring and revising specified current law). Revises and reauthorizes the Bilingual Education Act to: (1) consolidate certain programs; (2) require yearly assessment of English proficiency of students served; (3) eliminate a funding cap for non-bilingual programs under instructional services grants; and (4) set priorities in making grants to certain applicants. Reauthorizes the Foreign Language Assistance and Emergency Immigrant Education programs.

Revises title IV, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities, to: (1) authorize assistance for hiring drug prevention and school safety program coordinators in schools; (2) require participating schools to assess drug and violence problems, set measurable goals, use a research-based prevention framework for programs, and conduct evaluations; (3) include among uses of funds drug testing, locker searches, and training in threat and crisis management and identification and response to troubled and violent youth. Redesignates current ESEA requirements that States enact and enforce laws mandating a one-year school expulsion for any student bringing a weapon to school.

Amends the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to allow certain funds to be used for nationwide background checks of

employees.

Pro-Children Act of 2001 - Redesignates current ESEA prohibitions against smoking within any indoor facility used for providing education or related services.

Sets forth as title V, Public School Choice and Flexibility, and eliminates current parts B and C provisions for Women's Educational Equity and for Assistance to Address School Dropout Problems. Sets forth part A, Public School Choice, to: (1) reauthorize provisions for public Charter Schools and for Magnet Schools assistance; and (2) establish a Public School Choice program. Sets forth part B, Flexibility, to redesignate and reauthorize certain ESEA provisions, including: (1) waivers of requirements; and (2) Innovative Education Program Strategies.

Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 2001 - Reauthorizes, under part B Flexibility, ESEA provisions for Education Flexibility Partnerships.

Rural Education Achievement Program - Reauthorizes, under part B Flexibility, ESEA provisions for a Rural Education Initiative, with grants for small rural schools and for low-income and rural schools.

Access to High Standards Act - Establishes as ESEA title V part E, Advanced Placement (AP) Programs to provide assistance to increase the access of low-income students to AP high school courses and AP tests to earn advanced placement and credits at institutions of higher education.

Sets forth a new title VI, Parental Involvement and Accountability, authorizing Parental Information and Resource Centers (currently under the Goals 200: Educate America Act). Sets forth part B, Improving Academic Achievement, which: (1) authorizes various education performance awards for States and schools; and (2) penalizes States that fail to achieve progress in certain educational assessments by reducing administrative funds under ESEA formula grant programs.

Reauthorizes and revises title VII Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education.

Repeals the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and the following ESEA titles: (1) X, Programs of National Significance, including the Fund for the Improvement of Education and programs for gifted and talented children, arts in education, inexpensive book distribution, civic education, Ellender fellowships, urban and rural education assistance, and the national writing project; (2) XI, Coordinated Services; (3) XII, School Facilities Infrastructure Improvement, a program of grants for school construction and renovation; (4) XIII, Support and Assistance Programs to Improve Education, including comprehensive regional assistance centers, the national diffusion network, Eisenhower regional mathematics and science education consortia, and technology-based technical assistance; and (5) XIV, some general provisions.

Authorizes an independent evaluation grant to the Board on Testing and Assessment of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 14, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6239-6305)
- **Jun 14, 2001:** Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 1 as an amendment.
- **Jun 14, 2001:** Senate passed companion measure H.R. 1 in lieu of this measure by Yea-Nay Vote. 91 - 8. Record Vote Number: 192.
- **Jun 14, 2001:** Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 23.
- **Jun 14, 2001:** See also H.R. 1.
- **Jun 13, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6147-6208)
- **Jun 12, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6061-6078, S6081-6120)
- **Jun 11, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6023-6050)
- **Jun 7, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S5907-5954)
- **Jun 6, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S5846-5878)
- **Jun 5, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S5811-5821)
- **May 17, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S5025-5028)
- **May 16, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4970-4999)
- **May 15, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4901-4932)
- **May 14, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4858-4880)
- **May 10, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4794--4812)
- **May 9, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4525-4544)
- **May 8, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4461-4498)
- **May 7, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4433-4440, S4442)
- **May 4, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4376-4377, S4383-4384)
- **May 4, 2001:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions ordered to be reported an original measure.
- **May 3, 2001:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S4187-4232)
- **May 2, 2001:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S4125-4135, S4138-4158, S4161-4167)
- **May 2, 2001:** Measure laid before Senate by motion.
- **May 1, 2001:** Cloture on the motion to proceed invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 3. Record Vote Number: 88. (consideration: CR S4061-4066, S4070-4091)
- **Apr 30, 2001:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4025-4034)
- **Apr 26, 2001:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S3974-3975)
- **Apr 26, 2001:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed presented in Senate.
- **Mar 28, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 28, 2001:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Jeffords. With written report No. 107-7. Additional views filed.
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- **Mar 28, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 23.