

S 1247

Foundations for Learning Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2636	Identical bill	Oct 9, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

Foundations for Learning Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to make formula grants to States to assist eligible children to become ready for school through specified kinds of: (1) screening; (2) family support initiatives; (3) consultations and support to providers of early childhood services; (4) services to eligible children and their families; and (5) development of community resources.

Requires all services under this Act to be: (1) provided in the most culturally competent manner practicable; (2) free-of-charge for any child of a family whose income is below 200 percent of the poverty line (and, if a charge is imposed on other children it must be on a sliding scale based on ability to pay); (3) provided by or under the supervision of qualified professionals with expertise in early childhood development; and (4) intended to benefit eligible children.

Makes eligible under this Act children, aged zero to six, to whom two or more of these characteristics apply: (1) low birth weight; (2) cognitive deficit or developmental disability; (3) parental substance abuse; (4) custodial parent with less than secondary school diploma; (5) parental depression or other mental illness; (6) abuse, maltreatment, or neglect; (7) family income below 200 percent of the Federal poverty line; (8) early behavioral and peer relationship problems; (9) exposure to violence; (10) homelessness; or (11) removal from child care, Head Start, or preschool for behavioral reasons or at risk of being so removed.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 25, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 25, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8232-8233)
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