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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 24, 2002)

Instructional Materials Accessibility Act of 2002 - Directs Secretary of Education to: (1) develop and publish instructional materials accessibility standards for the national electronic file format to be used by publishers of instructional materials in the preparation of electronic files suitable for efficient conversion into specialized formats; (2) establish a National Instructional Materials Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide technical expertise and guidance in creating such national electronic file format; (3) periodically review and amend such standards to reflect technological advances or changes; and (4) establish a National Instructional Materials Access Center.

Requires State educational agencies, as a condition for receiving Federal financial assistance under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to develop and implement statewide plans and make contracts with publishers to ensure that instructional materials for classroom use in elementary and secondary schools are made available in specialized formats to individuals who are blind or have other print disabilities at the same time such materials are provided to individuals without such disabilities.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to eligible entities to provide or improve their capacity to prepare or obtain instructional materials in specialized formats, including the national electronic format.

Provides for enforcement of rights of children and parents under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2002:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 107-547.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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