

S 2667

Peace Corps Charter for the 21st Century Act

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Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Jun 21, 2002
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2002
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 26, 2002
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 12, 2002
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 19, 2002
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 5, 2002
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 24, 2002
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 4, 2002
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 4, 2002
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		Oct 8, 2002
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 16, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 17, 2002
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 25, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 12	Related bill	Nov 22, 2002: Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.

Summary (as of Oct 16, 2002)

Peace Corps Charter for the 21st Century Act - (Sec. 4) Amends the Peace Corps Act to require all recruiting of volunteers to be undertaken primarily by the Peace Corps. Conditions the President's authority to detail or assign Peace Corps volunteers to certain Federal and State agencies and other entities upon a determination that such a detail or assignment does not contradict the independent standing of such volunteers.

(Sec. 5) Amends reporting requirements for the Director of the Peace Corps. Requires the Director to report to Congress at least once per year on various topics, which shall include any recommendations for improving coordination of development projects between the Peace Corps and international or host country voluntary service organizations. States that the Director should consult with the appropriate congressional committees with respect to any major new initiatives not discussed in the latest submitted annual report. Requires the Director to report to Congress on student loan forgiveness programs.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Director to report to Congress on initiatives that the Peace Corps intends to pursue with eligible countries where the presence of Peace Corps volunteers would facilitate a greater understanding that a universe exists of commonly shared human values and aspirations. Authorizes and strongly urges the Director to utilize the services of returned Peace Corps volunteers having language and cultural expertise, including those who may have served previously in countries with substantial Muslim populations, in order to open or reopen Peace Corps programs in such countries.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Director to develop a training program for all Peace Corps volunteers in the education, prevention, and treatment of infectious diseases.

(Sec. 8) Amends requirements for membership on the Peace Corps Advisory Council.

(Sec. 9) Increases Peace Corps volunteer readjustment allowances from \$125 to \$275 a month.

(Sec. 10) Directs the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service to award grants to private nonprofit corporations for the purpose of enabling returned Peace Corps volunteers to carry out programs and projects to forward Peace Corps goals. States that such programs and projects may include: (1) educational programs; (2) partnerships with libraries; and (3) audio-visual projects. Requires corporations receiving grants to have a board of directors composed of returned Peace Corps volunteers with a background in community service, education, or health.

Sets forth grant requirements, including that the grantee give consideration to funding individual programs or projects by returned Peace Corps volunteers in amounts of not more than \$100,000.

Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 11) Authorizes appropriations through FY 2007.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 17, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10594-10598; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10595-10596; text as passed Senate: CR S10596-10598)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10594-10598; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10595-10596; text as passed Senate: CR S10596-10598)
- **Oct 10, 2002:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- **Oct 10, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 700.
- **Oct 8, 2002:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 25, 2002:** Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Jun 21, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5902-5903)
- **Jun 21, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5903-5905)