

S 2866

District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 2002

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]

Party: Republican • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Aug 1, 2002
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Aug 1, 2002
Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]	R · AR		Aug 1, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Aug 30, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 2002 - Authorizes the establishment of the District of Columbia Scholarship Corporation as a private, nonprofit corporation to administer, publicize, and evaluate a District scholarship program and determine elementary and secondary student and school eligibility.

Establishes a District of Columbia Scholarship Fund, to be administered by the Secretary of the Treasury. Provides for a seven-member Corporation Board of Directors, with six members appointed by the President from House and Senate nominees, and one member appointed by the District Mayor.

Authorizes the Corporation to award tuition scholarships and enhanced achievement scholarships to District students in kindergarten through grade 12 with family incomes not exceeding 185 percent of the national poverty line. Allows scholarships to be used for tuition, fees, and appropriate transportation to public, private, or independent schools (or beyond-school-hours enhancement programs) in the District and specified neighboring counties and cities in Maryland and Virginia. Requires the following order of scholarship award priorities to students who: (1) have received such a scholarship in a previous year (in the program's second and subsequent years); (2) District school or kindergarten enrollees; (3) victims of school violence; and (4) other eligible students. Requires use of a lottery whenever amounts are insufficient to provide a scholarship for each student in one of these categories.

Directs the Comptroller General to study and report on the District scholarship program. Provides for expedited judicial review of challenges to such program.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 30, 2002:** Committee on Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia.
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7936-7937)
- **Aug 1, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.