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S 2912

Student Bill of Rights

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Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Education Introduced: Sep 5, 2002

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 5, 2002
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 5, 2002
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 5, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 5, 2002)

Student Bill of Rights - Directs the Secretary of Education to make annual determinations as to whether each State's public school system (system) provides all its students with educational resources to succeed academically and in life. Requires such education to enable students to: (1) acquire knowledge and skills necessary for responsible citizenship; (2) meet challenging academic achievement standards; and (3) compete and succeed in a global economy.

Requires each system to do so through: (1) providing specified fundamentals of educational opportunity to students at each public elementary and secondary school; (2) providing educational services in school districts that receive funds for disadvantaged students that are, taken as a whole, at least comparable to educational services provided in school districts not receiving such funds; and (3) complying with any final Federal or State court order in any matter concerning the adequacy or equitableness of the system.

Requires withholding of specified portions of its Federal funding for administrative expenses if a system: (1) fails to meet a yearly interim goal; (2) does not remedy, after two school years, a failure to provide comparable educational services to schools that receive funds for disadvantaged children; or (3) does not comply with a court order.

Allows students or parents aggrieved by violations of this Act to bring civil actions for enforcement in Federal district courts.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 5, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 5, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8307-8308)
- Sep 5, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8308-8311)