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Lower Mississippi Delta Education Access and Improvement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]

Party: Republican • **State:** MS • **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	Mar 26, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2001)

Lower Mississippi Delta Education Access and Improvement Act - Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to improve education, including early health care, in rural areas in the Lower Mississippi Delta (those counties designated as part of the Delta Regional Authority jurisdiction in the States of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee). Makes eligible for such grants institutions of higher education that have a school or college of education and an established, working partnership or consortium with one or more local educational agencies and nonprofit and community organizations.

Requires that such grants be used for projects only in the predominately rural and agriculture-centered counties and communities of that region. Gives priority to applications for projects in counties where: (1) there is no single incorporated municipality having a population of more than 75,000 people; (2) the local school districts serve populations of which more than half of all students are eligible for free or reduced priced lunches; and (3) more than half of the population is medically underserved.

Requires grantees to use such funds for activities that focus on research, development, and dissemination of programs, plans or demonstration projects designed to improve: school-wide performance; teacher and administrator training; teacher retention; parent and mentor education; assessment; cultural-based education and regional-identity building; workforce; family literacy; preschool learning readiness; and birth-to-kindergarten components of early preventative health care, educational intervention, and immunization delivery.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 26, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 26, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2900-2901)
- **Mar 26, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2901)

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