

S 669

Empowering Parents Act of 2001

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Party: Democratic • State: DE • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 30, 2001
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Mar 30, 2001
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Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 30, 2001
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Mar 30, 2001
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 30, 2001
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		May 2, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 30, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 30, 2001)

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Empowering Parents Act of 2001 - Enhancing Public Education Through Choice Act - Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to establish Public School Choice Programs. Directs the Secretary of Education to make competitive grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs), including those serving the lowest performing schools, to enable them to implement programs of universal public school choice. Gives priority to those SEAs and LEAs that: first, serve the lowest performing schools; second, serve the highest percentage of students in poverty; and third, form partnerships for interdistrict approaches to such programs.

Public Charter Schools Equity Act - Amends ESEA to establish a program for credit enhancement initiatives to promote public charter school facility acquisition, construction, and renovation.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income any interest paid on loans by public charter schools.

Amends ESEA to direct the Secretary to make competitive Grants for Public Charter School Facilities to States for the Federal share of the cost of programs in which the States make per-pupil payments to public charter schools to help finance school facilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 30, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 30, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3218-3220)
- **Mar 30, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.