

HR 1237

Early Intervention Improvement Act

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Early Intervention Improvement Act - Amends the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to revise provisions for early intervention programs for children under age three (infants and toddlers with disabilities, part C).

Directs the Secretary of Education to reserve certain funds for incentive grants to reward States meeting performance objectives under part C, as follows: (1) 75 percent of such grants for high-quality programs in general; and (2) 25 percent for high-quality programs that make at-risk infants and toddlers eligible and that provide such services to at least three and one-half percent of children under age three in the State.

Revises provisions for transition from part C to part B (Assistance for Education of All Children with Disabilities).

Makes permanent the authorization of appropriations for part C.

Revises part C eligibility conditions to include those in families where there is diagnosed serious maternal depression, confirmed parental substance abuse, or documented family violence (including child abuse). Requires all abused or neglected children under age three to be referred to the State's child find system for evaluation and, if appropriate, receipt of early intervention services.

Includes parent-child and family therapy among part C services.

Includes early intervention personnel training and professional development among State and national activities. Directs the Secretary to make grants for such pre- and in-service training and development.

Directs the Secretary to commission the National Academy of Sciences to: (1) develop a model meaning for developmental delay for States to use in establishing early intervention services under part C; and (2) estimate the percentage of each State's population who would receive such services if the model were adopted.

Requires the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council under IDEA to study and report on mechanisms for providing service coordination from birth through age five for infants, toddlers, and children served under part C and preschool grant provisions.

## **Actions Timeline**

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