

S 1276

Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 18, 2003
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 18, 2003

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2552	Identical bill	Jul 21, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education.

Summary (as of Jul 3, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act - Revises the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions (positions) under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (NCSA) and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (DVSA).

Directs the Corporation to approve a position at the time it: (1) enters into an enforceable agreement with an individual participant to serve in the Civilian Community Corps (under NCSA) or Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program (under DVSA); or (2) awards a grant to or enters into a contract or cooperative agreement with an entity to carry out a program for which such a national service position may be approved under NCSA.

Requires the Corporation to record as an obligation an estimate of the net present value of the national service educational award associated with the position, based on a formula, determined in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, that takes into consideration historical rates of enrollment in, and of earning and using such awards for, such a program.

Directs the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation to report annually and certify to Congress that the Corporation is in compliance with this Act's requirements for position approval and obligation recording.

Applies such requirements to each position that the Corporation approves: (1) during FY 2003 (before or after the date of enactment of this Act); and (2) during any subsequent fiscal year.

Directs the Corporation to establish a reserve account within the National Service Trust and, to ensure the availability of adequate funds to support the awards of approved positions for each fiscal year, place into such account: (1) during FY 2003, a portion of the funds that were appropriated for FY 2003, or that remain available from a previous fiscal year, to carry out specified national service programs; and (2) during FY 2004 or a subsequent fiscal year, a portion of the funds that were appropriated for that fiscal year and made available to carry out such programs. Prohibits the Corporation from obligating reserve account funds until it: (1) determines that such funds will not be needed to pay awards associated with previously approved national service positions; or (2) obligates the funds to pay such awards for such previously approved positions.

Requires annual independent audits of Corporation accounts relating to the appropriated funds for approved positions and the records demonstrating the manner in which the Corporation has recorded estimates as obligations.

Requires, with a specified exception, all amounts included in the National Service Trust to be available for payments of national service educational awards under NCSA.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 3, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Jul 3, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-45.
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- **Jun 24, 2003:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 24, 2003:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H5638-5639)
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Mr. Boehner asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H5638-5639)
- **Jun 19, 2003:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H5638-5639)
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Introduced in the Senate and read twice and ordered held at desk.
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8163-8165; text as passed Senate: CR S8164-8165)
- **Jun 18, 2003:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8163-8165; text as passed Senate: CR S8164-8165)