

S 1422

TEACH Act of 2003

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 17, 2003
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Oct 2, 2003
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 28, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Feb 12, 2004
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 22, 2004
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 24, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 17, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1700	Identical bill	May 2, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

Teacher Education for Autistic Children Act of 2003 - TEACH Act of 2003 - Authorizes additional appropriations for: (1) training of special education teachers with expertise in autism spectrum disorders (ASD); and (2) improving results for children with ASD, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Directs the Secretary of Education (the Secretary) to carry out a student loan forgiveness program of assuming the obligation to repay up to specified amounts of certain loans under the Higher Education Act of 1965 for borrowers who are employed as full-time special education teachers of children with ASD for three consecutive complete school years. Provides for additional amounts to be repaid at the end of each of the next two additional consecutive years of such employment, up to a total maximum amount.

Amends IDEA to require local educational agencies receiving IDEA assistance to report on autism early intervention activities.

Directs the Secretary: (1) acting through the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services to establish and provide administrative support for a task force on ASD; (2) with the Secretary of Labor to study and report to Congress on the effectiveness of Federal vocational training programs in providing appropriate assistance to individuals with ASD; and (3) to make grants to each State that establishes and operates at least one State autism ombudsman office.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 17, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9593-9594)
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9594-9595)