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S 2164

Assisting America's Rural Schools Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Education Introduced: Mar 4, 2004

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

introduced: CR S2226-2227) (Mar 4, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]

Party: Democratic • State: NV • 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 4, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3781	Related bill	Mar 11, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2004)

Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to permit rural local educational agencies to defer the application of certain requirements relating to the employment of highly qualified teachers.

Allows such deferral for a one-year period beginning with: (1) their employment as middle or secondary school teachers, for teachers new to the profession; or (2) their teaching an academic subject they have not previously taught, for middle or secondary school not new to the profession.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 4, 2004: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 4, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2226)
- Mar 4, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2226-2227)