

S 2340

Capacity to Learn for All Students and Schools Act

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Chamber: Senate

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

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Sponsor

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| Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA] | D · MA        |      | Apr 22, 2004 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]         | D · RI        |      | Apr 22, 2004 |
| Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]   | D · HI        |      | Jul 9, 2004  |

Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Apr 22, 2004 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Capacity to Learn for All Students and Schools Act - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to reauthorize and revise title II provisions for teacher quality enhancement, including: (1) part A, teacher quality enhancement grants for States and partnerships; and (2) part B, preparing tomorrow's teachers to use technology. Establishes a title II part C program of centers of excellence for teachers.

Revises II-A State grant, partnership grant, and recruitment grant requirements to include provisions relating to: (1) exemplary teachers and highly qualified teachers as these are defined under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; (2) professional development; (3) parental involvement; (4) high-need schools and local educational agencies; and (5) scientifically-based research. Revises accountability and evaluation.

Revises II-B to require equitable distribution of grant and contract awards. Includes among permissible uses of funds teacher preparation in: (1) use and application of universally designed technologies and of assistive technology devices and services; and (2) maximizing access for students with disabilities to participate in the general education curriculum through use of such technology.

Directs the Secretary of Education to award competitive grants to eligible institutions to establish centers for excellence, under II-C, to ensure that current and future teachers are highly qualified.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 22, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4317-4319, S4327-4328)
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