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Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2004

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Chamber: Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 11, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 19, 2004)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2004 - Directs the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to make competitive grants to eligible entities to promote training and placement of individuals, including individuals who have completed a court reporting training program, as realtime writers providing closed captioning in video programming. Sets forth: (1) priorities in making grants; and (2) grant application requirements. Limits grants to \$1.5 million for a two-year period.

Requires each grant recipient to report: (1) annually during the grant period on the use of funds; and (2) on best practices identified for increasing the number of individuals trained, employed, and retained as realtime writers.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 20, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 20, 2004: Received in the House.
- Nov 20, 2004: Held at the desk.
- Nov 19, 2004: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11586-11587; text as passed Senate: CR S11586-11587)
- Nov 19, 2004: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11586-11587; text as passed Senate: CR S11586-11587)
- Oct 11, 2004: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain without amendment. With written report No. 108-399.
- Oct 11, 2004: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain without amendment. With written report No. 108-399.
- Oct 11, 2004: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 790.
- Sep 22, 2004: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Feb 27, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 27, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2938)
- Feb 27, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2938-2939)