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S 504

American History and Civics Education Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Education Introduced: Mar 4, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education. (Jul 21, 2003) Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/504

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Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	$D \cdot WV$	Apr 10, 2003
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	$R \cdot MT$	May 14, 2003
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	$R \cdot IA$	Jun 9, 2003
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	$R \cdot NV$	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D·LA	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI	Jun 19, 2003
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ	Jun 20, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 21, 2003
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1078	Identical bill	Mar 24, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

Summary (as of Jun 20, 2003)

American History and Civics Education Act of 2003 - Directs the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to award competitive grants to educational institutions to establish: (1) Presidential Academies for Teaching of American History and Civics to offer workshops for teachers of American history and civics; and (2) Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics to offer workshops for outstanding students of American history and civics.

Requires such Academies to describe how they will include teachers and students from schools receiving assistance for educationally disadvantaged children under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, particularly those schools with high concentrations of students from low-income families.

Directs the NEH to award a grant to an organization for the creation of a national alliance of elementary school and secondary school teachers of American history and civics.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 21, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Select Education.
- Jun 23, 2003: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Jun 23, 2003: Received in the House.
- Jun 23, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
- Jun 20, 2003: Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S8261-8265)
- Jun 20, 2003: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 90 0. Record Vote Number: 231.(text: CR S8263-8265)
- Jun 20, 2003: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 90 0. Record Vote Number: 231. (text: CR S8263-8265)
- Jun 19, 2003: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8216-8219)
- Jun 13, 2003: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Gregg without amendment. With written report No. 108-71.
- Jun 13, 2003: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Gregg without amendment. With written report No. 108-71.
- Jun 13, 2003: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 140.
- May 14, 2003: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Apr 10, 2003: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 108-92.
- Mar 4, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 4, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3088-3089)
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