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S 956

Student Testing Flexibility Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Education
Introduced: Apr 30, 2003

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9025)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9025) (Sep 9, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]

Party: Democratic • State: WI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 30, 2003
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	$D \cdot VT$		Apr 30, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 30, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 30, 2003)

Student Testing Flexibility Act of 2003 - Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to direct the Secretary of Education to grant waivers of certain annual testing and assessment requirements to States and local educational agencies (LEAs) if they demonstrate that they have: (1) significantly closed the achievement gap between certain groups of students; or (2) exceeded their adequate yearly progress for two or more consecutive years. Requires States and LEAs receiving such waivers to use ESEA annual assessment funds for educational activities which they determine will improve the academic achievement of students attending public elementary schools and secondary schools that fail to make adequate yearly progress. Prohibits such States and LEAs from using such funds to pay a student's private school costs.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 9, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9025)
- Apr 30, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 30, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5600-5601)
- Apr 30, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5602)