

## S 1376

Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 11, 2005)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 11, 2005
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Jul 11, 2005
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 11, 2005
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 11, 2005
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Jul 11, 2005
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 12, 2005
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Dec 12, 2005
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 20, 2005
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 2, 2006
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 22, 2006
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		May 22, 2006
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 12, 2006
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 13, 2006
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 26, 2006
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 20, 2006
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Nov 14, 2006
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 5, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 11, 2005

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5519	Related bill	<b>Jul 14, 2006:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

### Summary (as of Jul 11, 2005)

Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a geography education grant program under title II, Teacher Quality Enhancement.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award a grant to a national nonprofit education organization or consortium, with 75% to be used for subgrants to institutions of higher education associated with state geographic alliances, nonprofit educational organizations, or state or local educational agencies.

Requires various grantee and subgrantee activities designed to expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students by improving their teachers' professional development programs offered through institutions of higher education. Includes among such activities state-based conferences to assess geographic literacy and identify improvement strategies.

### Actions Timeline

- Jul 11, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- Jul 11, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7991-7992)
- Jul 11, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.