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HR 1439

VOICE Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 18, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Vocational Opportunities and Instruction through Cooperative Education Act of 2005 - VOICE Act of 2005 - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to enter into a partnership with a qualified local educational agency to conduct a model school-to-work program.

Requires such program to: (1) provide course credits to secondary school students who participate in work-based learning experiences in the public or private sector; (2) ensure that such students are paid at least the minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 for such work; and (3) not require, or give credit for, any such work exceeding 20 hours a week.

Requires participating students to have: (1) no criminal background; (2) a grade point average of 2.0 or higher; and (3) a satisfactory record of school attendance.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 18, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
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