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Hurricane Katrina Elementary and Secondary Education Recovery Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 20, 2005

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Hurricane Katrina Elementary and Secondary Education Recovery Act - Provides elementary and secondary education assistance for schools and students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Encourages the Secretary of Education to exercise the maximum waiver authority available or exercise other actions for affected states, local educational agencies (LEAs), and schools with respect to waiver authority or authorization of actions provided under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Directs the Secretary to report on affected state and LEA requests for waivers under ESEA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to states for subgrants to LEAs: (1) to provide supplemental educational services or additional programs and activities to displaced students or students attending a school in an affected disaster area; and (2) in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, to restart operations of schools serving affected disaster areas.

Gives LEAS serving affected disaster areas special hold-harmless provisions for ESEA funding.

Provides reciprocity for affected teachers and paraprofessionals with respect to standards of other states. Authorizes the Secretary to delay certain teacher personnel standards requirements for Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama under ESEA and IDEA.

Directs the Secretary to provide: (1) assistance to LEAs serving affected homeless children and youth; (2) grants to states for alternative education programs for affected displaced adolescent students; and (3) temporary emergency impact aid to states and LEAs for affected displaced students.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 21, 2005: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 253.
- Oct 20, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Oct 20, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11698-11699)
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