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HR 238

Educational Empowerment Act Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House Policy Area: Taxation Introduced: Jan 4, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness. (Feb 9, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]

Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 4, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2005)

Educational Empowerment Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow for the creation of up to 30 tax-qualified educational empowerment zones in certain low-income areas. Allows a tax credit for contributions to such educational empowerment zones for hiring new teachers, increasing teacher salaries, and training teachers.

Establishes a teacher loan forgiveness program for certain certified elementary, middle, or secondary school teachers (e.g., writing, mathematics, and science teachers) in educational empowerment zones.

Actions Timeline

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