

S 455

ACTION Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: MN • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 17, 2005
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

American Competitiveness Through International Openness Now Act of 2005 - ACTION Act of 2005 - Amends the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 to direct the President to submit to specified congressional committees a strategic plan for enhancing international student access to the United States for study and exchange activities.

Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to provide for reduced fees in cases of short-term study, under the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Directs the Secretaries of State and of Homeland Security to report on improving SEVIS fee collection and to develop policies to reform SEVIS database management.

Requires the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to ensure that the FBI has full connectivity to the Consular Consolidated Database.

Expresses the sense of Congress on improving the visa process. Directs the Secretary of State to issue certain guidance on visa processing.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise standards for visa evaluations for those having the intention, capability, and financial resources to complete a course of study in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 17, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 17, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1673)
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