

HR 4766

Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]

Party: Republican • State: NM • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Feb 15, 2006
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jul 26, 2006
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Taylor, Charles H. [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Sep 25, 2006
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Sep 26, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2006
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 7, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5222	Related bill	May 24, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
109 S 2674	Related bill	Apr 27, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 27, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006 - Amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as part of the Native American languages grant program, to make three-year grants for educational Native American language nests, survival schools, and restoration programs.

Requires that Native American language nests: (1) provide instruction and child care through the use of a Native American language for at least 10 children under the age of seven for an average of at least 500 hours per year per student; (2) provide classes in such language for the parents of such students; and (3) use such language as the dominant medium of instruction in the nest.

Requires that Native American language survival schools: (1) provide an average of at least 500 hours of instruction per year per student through the use of at least one Native American language for at least 15 students for whom the school is their principal school; (2) develop instructional courses and materials that service the goal of making all students fluent in such a language and proficient in mathematics, reading, and science; (3) provide teacher training; and (4) be located in areas having high concentrations of Native American students. Requires applicants for language survival school funding to have at least three years of experience in running such a school, a Native American language nest, or any other educational program in which instruction is conducted in a Native American language.

Requires that Native American language restoration programs: (1) operate at least one Native American language program for the community they serve; (2) train teachers of such languages; and (3) develop Native American language instructional materials.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2008-FY2012.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 14, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 14, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-394.
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- **Dec 11, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Dec 7, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Senate Committee on Indian Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 12/7/2006 S11387)
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- **Dec 6, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 13, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- **Sep 28, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Mr. McKeon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7609-7613)
- **Sep 27, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4766.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7609-7610)
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- **Sep 27, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 1, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- **Feb 15, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 15, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.