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HR 921

Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Feb 17, 2005

Current Status: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending Latest Action: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending

not later than Dec. 8, 2006. (Nov 17, 2006)

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Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	$D \cdot TX$	May 17, 2005
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI	May 17, 2005
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D·IL	Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D·MS	Dec 7, 2005
Rep. Davis, Artur [D-AL-7]	D · AL	Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	$R \cdot VA$	Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Drake, Thelma D. [R-VA-2]	$R \cdot VA$	Sep 28, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2005
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 29, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 432	Related bill	Jul 11, 2005: Held at the desk.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2005 - Amends the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Program to assist eligible educational institutions in acquiring, and augmenting use of, digital and wireless networking technologies to improve the quality and delivery of educational services at such institutions. Defines as eligible institutions: (1) historically Black colleges or universities, (2) a Hispanic-, Alaskan Native-, or Native Hawaiian-serving institution; (3) a tribally controlled college or university; or (4) an institution with a sufficient enrollment of needy students as defined under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Outlines authorized assistance activities. Directs the Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology to: (1) establish an advisory council to advise on the best approaches toward maximum Program participation by eligible institutions; and (2) ensure that grant awards are made to all types of eligible institutions.

Provides a matching funds requirement. Limits grant awards to \$2.5 million per institution. Requires: (1) each grant recipient to report annually to the Under Secretary on grant uses; (2) the National Academy of Public Administration to conduct periodic assessments (every three years) of the grant program; and (3) the Under Secretary to transmit such assessments to Congress, along with plans to implement any recommendations of the Academy.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2006-FY2010.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 17, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 8, 2006.
- Sep 29, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Nov. 17, 2006.
- Sep 11, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 29, 2006.
- Jun 30, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 11, 2006.
- May 26, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than June 30, 2006.
- Mar 31, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than May 26, 2006.
- Mar 3, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than March 31, 2006.
- Feb 3, 2006: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than March 3, 2006.
- Dec 31, 2005: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Feb. 3, 2006.
- Dec 17, 2005: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 31, 2005.
- Nov 18, 2005: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 17, 2005.
- Sep 30, 2005: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Nov. 18, 2005.
- Jul 28, 2005: Reported by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 109-211, Part I.
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- Jul 28, 2005: House Committee on Education and the Workforce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Sept. 30, 2005.
- May 4, 2005: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 4, 2005: Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- Mar 24, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- Feb 17, 2005: Introduced in House
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