

# S 1699

## SKILLs Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Jun 26, 2007

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8417-8418) (Jun 26, 2007)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 26, 2007
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 21, 2007
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 22, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 26, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2864	Identical bill	<b>Sep 11, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries Act or the SKILLS Act - Amends title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for FY2008-FY2013 for the Improving Literacy through School Libraries grant program.

Requires states and local educational agencies (LEAs) that receive school improvement funds to ensure that by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year there is at least one highly qualified school library media specialist in every school that receives such funds.

Requires Improving Literacy through School Libraries funds to be: (1) proportionally distributed to serve students in elementary, middle, and high schools; (2) used for media resources appropriate for all grades; and (3) used for professional development in information literacy instruction that is appropriate for all grades.

Expands the program of grants to states and subgrants to LEAs for the recruitment, retention, and professional development of teachers to require that highly qualified school library media specialists be included in the focus of such efforts.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 26, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8416-8417)
- **Jun 26, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8417-8418)