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Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 12, 2007

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1650	Related bill	Jan 8, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 557.
110 S 315	Related bill	Jan 17, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## Summary (as of Jan 12, 2007)

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Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2007 - Establishes within the National Science Foundation (NSF) an Office of Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology to: (1) award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements (assistance) to eligible institutions to provide educational instruction in digital and wireless network technologies; and (2) strengthen the national digital and wireless infrastructure by increasing national investment in telecommunications and technology infrastructure at eligible institutions.

Requires the NSF Director to establish an advisory council on the best approaches for involving eligible institutions in supported activities and for reviewing and evaluating submitted proposals. Requires the council to include members from minority serving institutions.

Makes the following institutions eligible for such assistance: (1) a historically Black college or university; (2) a Hispanic-, Alaska Native-, or Native Hawaiian-serving institution; (3) a tribally controlled college or university; or (4) an institution determined to have enrolled a substantial number of minority, low-income students who received assistance under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Provides a matching funds requirement.

## Actions Timeline

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