

S 315

Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jan 17, 2007)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]

Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] | R · TX | | Jan 17, 2007 |
| Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC] | R · SC | | Jan 17, 2007 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] | R · IA | | Jan 17, 2007 |
| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] | R · SD | | Jan 17, 2007 |
| Sen. Webb, Jim [D-VA] | D · VA | | Jan 17, 2007 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS] | R · MS | | Jan 24, 2007 |
| Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO] | D · CO | | Jan 29, 2007 |
| Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ] | R · AZ | | Mar 3, 2008 |

Committee Activity

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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jan 17, 2007 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 110 S 1650 | Related bill | Jan 8, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 557. |
| 110 S 291 | Related bill | Jan 12, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

Summary (as of Jan 17, 2007)

Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act - 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

- **Jan 17, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 17, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S678-679)
- **Jan 17, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.