

HR 325

SPEAK Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jan 9, 2007
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jan 11, 2007
Resident Commissioner Fortuno, Luis G. [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jan 24, 2007
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2007
Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle [D-AZ-8]	D · AZ		Feb 16, 2007
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Feb 16, 2007
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2007
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jul 24, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 224	Identical bill	Jan 9, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S295-297)

Standards to Provide Educational Achievement for Kids Act or the SPEAK Act - Amends the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (the Act) to require the Commissioner for Educational Statistics to add science to the mandatory biennial national and state academic achievement assessments of students in grades four, eight, and twelve in reading and mathematics. Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require states receiving school improvement funds to participate in such science assessments of students in grades four and eight, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

Amends the Act to task the National Assessment Governing Board with creating or adopting voluntary American education content standards in mathematics and science for kindergarten through grade 12 which reflect the knowledge students need to enter college or the workforce and compete in the global economy.

Requires the Secretary of Education to establish the American Standards Incentive fund to award competitive four-year grants to states which agree to: (1) adopt such voluntary mathematics and science standards as the core of their own academic content standards in such subjects; and (2) align their teacher certification and professional development requirements to such standards. Provides additional funds to successful grantees for the enhancement of their student performance data systems.

Authorizes the Secretary to extend by two to four years for such grantees the 12-year period at the end of which students must meet or exceed state academic performance standards established under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Actions Timeline

- **May 9, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Jan 11, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E75)
- **Jan 9, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.