

## HR 694

Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2007

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Oct 4, 2007)

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**Committee Activity**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chamber</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 4, 2007
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2007
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1650	Related bill	<b>Jan 8, 2008:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 557.

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### Summary (as of Sep 4, 2007)

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Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) 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 Secretary 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.

Requires Program assessment every three years by the National Academy of Public Administration.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes appropriations.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 4, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 5, 2007:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 4, 2007:** Mr. Baird moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 4, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10021-10023)
- **Sep 4, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 694.
- **Sep 4, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 4, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10042-10043)
- **Sep 4, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 331 - 59 (Roll no. 847).(text: CR H10021-10022)
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- **Sep 4, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **Feb 6, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Jan 24, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 24, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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