

## S 727

### Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 13, 2007
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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 12, 2007
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Oct 3, 2007
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Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 13, 2008
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 3, 2008
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 29, 2008
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1228	Related bill	<b>Feb 28, 2007:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Mar 1, 2007)

Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a geography education grant program under title II, Teacher Quality Enhancement.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award a grant to a national nonprofit educational organization or consortium, with 75% to be used for subgrants to institutions of higher education associated with state geographic alliances, nonprofit educational organizations, or state or local educational agencies.

Requires various grantee and subgrantee activities designed to expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students by improving their teachers' professional development programs offered through institutions of higher education. Includes among such activities state-based conferences to assess geographic literacy and identify improvement strategies.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2493-2494)
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.