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Striving Readers Act of 2007

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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 3, 2007
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2007

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6632	Related bill	Jul 29, 2008: Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.

Striving Readers Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Education to provide peer-reviewed grants for literacy initiatives benefiting students in grades 4 through 12 to: (1) local educational agencies (LEAs) eligible for school improvement funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, if appropriations under this Act are less than \$200 million; or (2) state educational agencies (SEAs), and through them, to LEAs, if appropriations equal or exceed such amount.

Allots funds to SEAs on the basis of their relative proportion of needy children aged 5 to 17 and eighth graders underachieving in reading. Requires SEAs, in addition to providing subgrants, to use grant funds to: (1) provide professional development assistance to LEAs; (2) enhance public higher education for students preparing to teach any of grades 4 through 12; (3) recommend improvements to state licensure and certification standards for reading instruction in such grades; and (4) report to the Secretary of Education on SEA and LEA progress in improving adolescent literacy.

Requires LEAs to use grant or subgrant funds on literacy initiatives that include: (1) student need and progress assessments and reports; (2) development of adolescent literacy plans for underperforming students that provide intensive, accelerated, and extended instruction for such students and professional development for teachers; and (3) initiative training for school leaders. Prohibits the use of subgrant funds on schools that do not meet specified need criteria.

Authorizes the withholding of grant or subgrants funds from SEAs and LEAs making insufficient progress in improving adolescent literacy.

Requires a national evaluation and the dissemination of information regarding the effectiveness of the grant and subgrant programs.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3609-3610)
- **Mar 22, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.