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Prescribe A Book Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 24, 2009
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 24, 2009
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Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 24, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 24, 2009
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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 24, 2009
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 24, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 22, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 26, 2009
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 16, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 17, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jan 21, 2010
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 4, 2010
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 25, 2010
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		May 4, 2010
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 10, 2010
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 15, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 24, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1526	Related bill	May 14, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Summary (as of Jun 24, 2009)

Prescribe A Book Act - Creates a Pediatric Early Literacy program under which the Secretary of Education awards matching grants to nonprofit organizations for the implementation of three-part models through which: (1) health care providers encourage parents to read aloud to their children and offer them recommendations and strategies for doing so; (2) health care providers give each visiting child between the ages of six months and five-years a new, developmentally appropriate children's book to take home and keep; and (3) volunteers reading to children in health care facility waiting areas show parents the techniques and pleasures of reading aloud to children.

Requires that the books provided to children under the program be obtained at a discount.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 24, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7009)
- **Jun 24, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7009-7010)