

S 1552

SOAR Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Aug 6, 2009

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act of 2009 or the SOAR Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award five-year grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations to carry out activities to provide expanded school choice opportunities to students who are DC residents and who come from households: (1) receiving assistance under the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and (2) with incomes not exceeding 185% of the poverty line, except in certain grandfathered circumstances.

Prescribes requirements for schools participating in such grant programs, including administering nationally norm-referenced standardized tests in reading and mathematics to participating students.

Repeals the DC School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 (title III of division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004). Deems this Act as the reauthorization of the opportunity scholarship program under such Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 31, 2009:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 145.
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8565-8566)
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