

**HR 1649**

High-Quality Education Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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**Sponsor**

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors**

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

**Committee Activity**

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred to | May 14, 2009 |
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**Subjects & Policy Tags**

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**Related Bills**

*No related bills are listed.*

High-Quality Education Act of 2009 - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award matching grants to states, or local educational agencies (LEAs) in states that do not receive such grants, to reduce the size of core curriculum classes in public elementary and secondary schools.

Requires such grants to be provided only to states or LEAs serving schools whose average core curriculum class size is greater than 18 students in kindergarten through grade 3, 22 students in grades 4 through 8, and 25 students in grades 9 through 12.

Requires grant funds to be used for: (1) constructing new classroom space; (2) hiring additional teachers; and (3) purchasing portable structures to replace administrative offices that are converted into classrooms.

Permits the Secretary to give grant priority to states or LEAs serving schools: (1) where over 17% of the students between age 4 and 18 are from impoverished families; or (2) whose average core curriculum class size is higher than the average core curriculum class size of schools served by other applicants.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Introduced in House
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