

## HR 209

Helping Our Students Communicate Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Jan 6, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness. (Mar 16, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/209>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 5, 2009
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Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Mar 19, 2009
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Mar 19, 2009
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 19, 2009
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		May 13, 2009
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		May 13, 2009
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		May 13, 2009
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 23, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 6, 2009)

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Helping Our Students Communicate Act of 2009 - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to assume or cancel loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan or the Direct Loan programs to individuals who have been employed for five consecutive complete school years as full-time speech-language pathologists: (1) principally at elementary and secondary schools whose enrollment of disadvantaged students exceeds 30%; and (2) have at least a graduate degree in speech-language pathology, or communication sciences and disorders.

Caps loan forgiveness at \$17,500.

Limits the benefits of this Act to new borrowers on or after the date that is 90 days after the date of this Act's enactment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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