

## HR 2579

Pathways to College Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 22, 2009
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1129	Related bill	<b>May 21, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5827-5829)

## Summary (as of May 21, 2009)

Pathways to College Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award competitive five-year grants to local educational agencies that serve mostly high-need high schools for programs to increase the number of students from low-income families who attend college. Defines "high-need high schools" as those where at least one-half of the students are from low-income families.

Requires grantees to use such funds to: (1) train teachers and counselors to provide students with advice concerning postsecondary education; (2) implement a comprehensive college guidance program for all students which exposes them to postsecondary information and planning assistance before the end of their first semester of high school; (3) ensure that their schools develop comprehensive, school-wide plans of action to strengthen their college-going culture; (4) create or maintain a postsecondary access center in each school that provides information on colleges and universities, career opportunities, and financial aid options; and (5) provide a setting in which professionals working in college access programs can meet with students.

Directs the Secretary to provide technical assistance to grantees in calculating and analyzing their college-going rates and adopting best practices for elevating such rates.

Requires grantees periodically to evaluate the success of their grant activities and use the evaluations to refine such activities and their performance measures.

Directs the Secretary to conduct an independent evaluation of the grant program which includes an assessment of the program's affect on high school graduation and college-going rates.

## Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Oct 22, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **May 21, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 21, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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