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Increased Student Achievement Through Increased Student Support Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 5, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 5, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 5, 2009
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 5, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 21, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jun 4, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jun 9, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 6, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Aug 3, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 5, 2009
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 15, 2009
Sen. Specter, Arlen [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 18, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 4, 2010
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jul 27, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 5, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1361	Related bill	<b>Apr 29, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.

## Summary (as of Mar 5, 2009)

Increased Student Achievement Through Increased Student Support Act - Directs the Secretary of Education to award competitive, renewable, five-year grants to partnerships between low-income local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools offering graduate programs in school counseling, social work, or psychology to increase the number of program graduates employed by low-income LEAs.

Defines "low-income LEAs" as those that: (1) serve students at least 20% of which are from low-income families; (2) have ratios of school counselors, social workers, and psychologists to students that fall at least 10% below specified target ratios; and (3) have been identified as needing improvement or corrective action or include at least one school identified as needing improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Allows the use of grant funds to: (1) provide program graduate students with field training at partnership LEA schools; (2) contribute to program graduates' salaries at such schools for up to three years after they graduate; (3) increase the number of school counselors, social workers, and psychologists per student, and from underrepresented backgrounds, in such schools; (4) enhance the capacity of partnership graduate schools to train such professionals; (5) develop course work designed to facilitate such graduates' service to low-income LEAs and at-risk students; and (6) provide tuition credits to such graduate students and student loan forgiveness to program graduates employed as school counselors, social workers, or psychologists by low-income LEAs for at least five consecutive years.

Directs the Secretary to establish a program providing student loan forgiveness to non-participants in this Act's grant program who have been employed for at least five consecutive years as school counselors, social workers, or psychologists by low-income LEAs.

Requires the Secretary to identify a formula for future use in designating regions as eligible for benefit programs because of having a shortage of such school personnel.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2835-2836)
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2836-2838)