

## S 1086

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 26, 2011
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 16, 2012
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 16, 2012
Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]	R · MA		Mar 1, 2012
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 1, 2012
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 21, 2012
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 21, 2012
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Apr 17, 2012
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 24, 2012
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 24, 2012
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 10, 2012
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 14, 2012
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 29, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2152	Identical bill	<b>Sep 8, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

## Summary (as of May 26, 2011)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act - Reauthorizes the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004 for FY2012-FY2016.

Directs the Secretary of State to act through the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs in awarding grants or entering agreements with Special Olympics for activities outside the United States. Includes community-based prevention among the activities for which the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) may award grants or enter into agreements with Special Olympics. Requires grant or agreement applications to include a description of specific measurable annual benchmarks, as well as long-term goals and objectives, to be achieved through specified activities, which must include: (1) activities to increase the full participation of people with intellectual disabilities in inclusive school and community activities with people without disabilities, (2) education programs that dispel negative stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities, and (3) activities to increase the participation of people with intellectual disabilities in Special Olympics outside of the United States. Requires annual reports by Special Olympics to describe demographic data about Special Olympics participants.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award grants or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements to promote the expansion of Best Buddies, including activities to increase the participation of people with intellectual disabilities in social relationships and other aspects of community life, including education and employment, within the United States.

Directs the Secretary of Education to award competitive grants to institutions of higher education to establish Eunice Kennedy Shriver Institutes for Sport and Social Impact. Requires recipients to use grant funds to advance the quality of life and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities through research and evaluation, technical assistance, training, data collection, evaluation, collaboration, and dissemination of evidence-based best practices.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 26, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3431)
- **May 26, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.