

## S 1597

Fix America's Schools Today Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Sep 26, 2011
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Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 23, 2012
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 19, 2012
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 29, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1978	Related bill	<b>Dec 12, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
112 HR 2948	Related bill	<b>Nov 18, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
112 HR 12	Related bill	<b>Oct 21, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.
112 S 1660	Related bill	<b>Oct 11, 2011:</b> Motion by Senator Reid to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to the bill made in Senate. (consideration: CR S6383)
112 S 1549	Related bill	<b>Sep 14, 2011:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 165.

Fix America's Schools Today Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Education to allocate grants to states and, through them, subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to modernize, renovate, or repair early learning or elementary or secondary education facilities.

Requires the Secretary to allocate grants directly to the 100 LEAs with the largest numbers of children aged 5-17 living in poverty to modernize, renovate, or repair such facilities. Allocates such funds among these LEAs in proportion to each LEA's respective share of school improvement funds under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Requires states to give subgrant priority to projects that comply with certain green building standards.

Prohibits the use of such grants for new construction, routine janitorial costs, or on facilities used for events for which the public is charged admission.

Reserves funds for a survey, by the National Center for Education Statistics, of our public school construction, modernization, renovation, and repair needs.

Directs the Secretary to allocate grants to states to modernize, renovate, or repair existing facilities at community colleges.

Prohibits the use of such grants: (1) for routine janitorial costs, (2) on facilities used for events for which the public is charged admission, or (3) on facilities which are used for sectarian purposes.

Requires states, in providing assistance to community college projects, to consider the extent to which the project complies with certain green building standards.

Limits the amount of time states and LEAs have to obligate this Act's grants and subgrants.

Requires, with certain exceptions, the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in projects funded by this Act to be domestic.

Applies the prevailing wage rate requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act to projects assisted pursuant to this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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