

## HR 3490

### 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Nov 29, 2011
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jan 25, 2012
Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 6, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2012
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2914	Related bill	Nov 18, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act - Requires the Secretary of Education to make grants to states for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public schools, including early learning facilities and charter schools, to make them safe, healthy, high-performing, and technologically up-to-date.

Allocates grants among states in proportion to each state's share of school improvement funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Reserves 2% of the grant funds for assistance to outlying areas and Indian schools.

Reserves 5% of the grant funds for LEAs serving geographic areas with significant economic distress and those serving geographic areas recovering from a natural disaster.

Requires states to reallocate such grant funds to LEAs on the basis of each LEA's share of school improvement funds.

Allows LEAs to give priority to projects involving the abatement, removal, or interim control of asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, mold, mildew, lead-based hazards, or a proven carcinogen.

Directs LEA grantees to use a percentage of their grant, rising in 10% increments from 50% in FY2012 to 100% in FY2017, for public school modernization, renovation, repairs, or construction that meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating standards, Energy Star standards, Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) criteria, Green Building Initiative environmental design and rating standards (Green Globes), or equivalent standards adopted by the entities that have jurisdiction over such LEAs.

Requires the Secretary to provide outreach and technical assistance to states and LEAs concerning the best practices in school modernization, renovation, repair, and construction.

Requires the Department of Education to evaluate the effect this Act's projects have on student academic achievement.

Directs the Secretary to establish an Advisory Council on Green, High-Performing Schools to provide the Secretary with advice on the academic, health, energy, and environmental impact of such schools and assistance in facilitating their creation.

Requires the Secretary to work with grant recipients to promote appropriate opportunities for individuals enrolled in a YouthBuild, Job Corps, or community or junior college program to gain employment experience on projects funded under this Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 29, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 18, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.