

## HR 3776

### SKILLS Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2012
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Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Apr 16, 2012
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 9, 2012
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries Act or SKILLS Act - Amends part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to require the inclusion of effective school library programs in school improvement programs.

Defines an "effective school library program" as one that: (1) is staffed by a state sanctioned school librarian; (2) has up-to-date materials and technology, including broadband; (3) includes regular collaboration between teachers and school librarians concerning school reform efforts; and (4) supports the development of digital literacy skills.

Replaces the existing program under subpart 4 (Improving Literacy Through School Libraries) of part B of title I of the ESEA with a new program (Improving Literacy and College and Career Readiness Through Effective School Library Programs) awarding competitive three-year grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to develop and enhance effective school library programs. Makes LEAs eligible for such grants only if at least 20% of their students are impoverished.

Amends part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund) of title II of the ESEA to rename part A the Teacher, School Librarian, and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund. Requires states and LEAs to use funds under the program to train school librarians, and recruit and retain highly effective school librarians.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 17, 2012:** Introduced in House
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