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Prescribe A Book Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 17, 2011
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 13, 2011
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 13, 2011
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		May 4, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 4, 2011
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 8, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2011
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 5, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 17, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 820	Identical bill	Mar 4, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Summary (as of Feb 17, 2011)

Prescribe A Book Act - Creates a Pediatric Early Literacy program under which the Secretary of Education awards matching grants to nonprofit organizations for the implementation of three-part models through which: (1) health care providers encourage parents to read aloud to their children and offer them recommendations and strategies for doing so; (2) health care providers give each visiting child between the ages of six months and five-years a new, developmentally appropriate children's book to take home and keep; and (3) volunteers reading to children in health care facility waiting areas show parents the techniques and pleasures of reading aloud to children.

Requires that the books provided to children under the program be obtained at a discount.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 17, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 17, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S888-889)
- **Feb 17, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S889)