

## S 1291

### Family Engagement in Education Act of 2013

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## Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 11, 2013
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 11, 2013
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 13, 2013
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 17, 2013
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 19, 2013
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 20, 2013
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 24, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 11, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2662	Related bill	Sep 13, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Family Engagement in Education Act of 2013 - Amends title I (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to authorize states to reserve school improvement funds to:

- award a grant to a statewide nonprofit organization to establish a Statewide Family Engagement Center that provides comprehensive training, technical assistance, and capacity building to local educational agencies (LEAs), organizations that support family-school partnerships, and other organizations that carry out parent education and family engagement in education programs;
- award grants to nonprofit organizations or Indian tribes or organizations that partner with LEAs or schools to establish and operate Local Family Engagement Centers that assist families in becoming engaged in their childrens' education; and
- develop and implement a statewide family engagement in education plan.

Requires each state school improvement plan to include a plan for strengthening family engagement in education.

Requires each LEA and school receiving school improvement funds to develop policies and practices for family engagement in education that meet specified principles and standards.

Increases the percentage of school improvement funds that LEAs must reserve for family engagement activities. Requires at least 75% of those reserved funds to be distributed to schools served under the school improvement program.

Requires states and correctional facilities to work with family members and aftercare providers in developing educational services and transition plans for youth following their stay in state and local institutions for neglected or delinquent youth.

Requires the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences to develop recommended metrics on family engagement in education for states and LEAs and to make recommendations on the integration of those metrics into state accountability and longitudinal data systems.

Directs the Secretary of Education to conduct research on effective family engagement in education.

Requires states to use part of their grant under part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund) of title II of the ESEA to train teachers and principals to effectively engage families in their children's education.

Repeals programs authorizing the Secretary to award grants to: (1) nonprofit organizations and consortia of those organizations and LEAs to establish parental information and resource centers, and (2) local nonprofit parent organizations to support local family information centers.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 11, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 11, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5671-5672)
- **Jul 11, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.