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Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2013

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**Policy Area:** Education

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| Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]            | D · CO        |      | Jul 25, 2013 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]        | D · WA        |      | Sep 10, 2013 |
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| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Sep 11, 2013 |
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| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]          | D · NJ        |      | Sep 18, 2014 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 28, 2013 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 113 HR 1199 | Related bill | <b>Apr 23, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. |

## Summary (as of Feb 28, 2013)

Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2013 - Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require states to direct their local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish policies that prevent and prohibit conduct, including bullying and harassment, that is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive to: (1) limit students' ability to participate in, or benefit from, school programs; or (2) create a hostile or abusive educational environment that adversely affects their education.

Requires LEAs to also provide: (1) students, parents, and educational professionals with annual notice of the conduct prohibited in their discipline policies; (2) students and parents with grievance procedures that target such conduct; and (3) the public with annual data on the incidence and frequency of that conduct at the school and LEA level.

Requires: (1) the Secretary of Education to conduct, and report on, an independent biennial evaluation of programs and policies to combat bullying and harassment in elementary and secondary schools; and (2) the Commissioner for Education Statistics to collect state data, that are subject to independent review, to determine the incidence and frequency of the conduct prohibited by LEA discipline policies.

## Actions Timeline

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