

## S 437

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

**Introduced:** Mar 4, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent. (Apr 22, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/437>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 22, 2013
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Apr 22, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Act of 2013 - Requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to make competitive grants to local governments, public housing agencies (PHAs), community development corporations, assisted housing owners, and other for-profit and nonprofit entities to implement transformational programs in eligible neighborhoods with a concentration of extreme poverty, severely distressed housing, and a potential for long-term viability, once certain key problems are addressed.

Requires such programs to include neighborhoods with characteristics such as proximity to educational institutions, medical centers, central business districts, major employers, effective transportation alternatives (including public transit, walking, and bicycling), and low poverty neighborhoods.

Prohibits the use of such grants for construction or rehabilitation of a K-12 school building or a higher educational institution. Limits the use of grants for certain non-housing activities and supportive services. Authorizes the Secretary to waive such limitations.

Exempts from specified requirements of the United States Housing Act of 1937 the demolition and disposition of severely distressed public and assisted housing pursuant to a transformation plan.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 22, 2013:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 22, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent.
- **Mar 4, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.