

## S 475

### Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** Mar 6, 2013

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/475>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

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

### Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]            | R · MO        |      | Mar 6, 2013  |
| Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]          | D · AK        |      | Mar 13, 2013 |
| Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]         | R · NC        |      | Mar 13, 2013 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]         | D · WA        |      | Mar 13, 2013 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]           | D · MT        |      | Mar 13, 2013 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]    | D · CO        |      | Mar 21, 2013 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]         | R · MS        |      | Mar 21, 2013 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]        | D · MN        |      | Apr 16, 2013 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]            | D · RI        |      | Apr 16, 2013 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]       | R · IA        |      | Apr 18, 2013 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA        |      | May 21, 2013 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]  | D · MD        |      | May 21, 2013 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]   | D · RI        |      | May 21, 2013 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 6, 2013 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 113 HR 1008 | Identical bill | Apr 23, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. |

## Summary (as of Mar 6, 2013)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act - Reauthorizes the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004 for FY2014-FY2018.

Directs the Secretary of State to act through the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs in awarding grants or entering agreements with Special Olympics for activities outside the United States. Includes community-based prevention among the activities for which the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) may award grants or enter into agreements with Special Olympics. Requires grant or agreement applications to include a description of specific measurable annual benchmarks, as well as long-term goals and objectives, to be achieved through specified activities, which must include: (1) activities to increase the full participation of people with intellectual disabilities in inclusive school and community activities with people without disabilities, (2) education programs that dispel negative stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities, and (3) activities to increase the participation of people with intellectual disabilities in Special Olympics outside of the United States and to promote volunteerism on behalf of such activities. Requires annual reports by Special Olympics to describe demographic data about Special Olympics participants.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award grants or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements to promote the expansion of Best Buddies, including activities to increase the participation of people with intellectual disabilities in social relationships and other aspects of community life, including education and employment, within the United States.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
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