

## HR 822

### Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jun 17, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 370	Related bill	Feb 14, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a geography education grant program under title II (Teacher Quality Enhancement).

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award a grant to a national nonprofit educational organization or consortium, with 75% to be used for matching subgrants to institutions of higher education associated with state geographic alliances, nonprofit educational organizations, or state or local educational agencies.

Requires program participants to use their grants and subgrants to enhance the geographic literacy of students in kindergarten through grade 12 by supporting specified activities, including: (1) educational research; (2) teacher training; (3) the development of effective teaching tools and learning materials; (4) the application of rigorous academic standards and assessment techniques; (5) comparative studies of world cultures, economies, and environments; and (6) the exchange of information regarding the state of geographic literacy and strategies for its improvement.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 23, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Feb 26, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.