

HR 1020

STEM Education Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Feb 20, 2015
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Feb 20, 2015
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 20, 2015
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 20, 2015
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Feb 20, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 20, 2015
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Feb 20, 2015
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 24, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 4, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 20, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1898	Related bill	Nov 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
114 HR 1806	Related bill	May 21, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 24, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 3) Requires the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to continue to award competitive, merit-reviewed grants to support: (1) research and development of innovative out-of-school STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) learning and emerging STEM learning environments; and (2) research that advances the field of informal STEM education.

Requires supported activities to include research and development that improves understanding of learning and engagement in informal environments and design and testing of innovative STEM resources for such environments to improve STEM learning outcomes and increase engagement for elementary and secondary school students and teachers and the public.

(Sec. 4) Amends the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to allow award of NSF Master Teaching Fellowships to mathematics and science teachers who possess a bachelor's degree in their field (currently limited to those with a master's degree).

Requires fellowship grants to be used, in the case of Master Teaching Fellowships for teachers with bachelor's degrees in their field who are working toward a master's degree, to: (1) offer academic courses leading to a master's degree and leadership training to prepare individuals to become master teachers, and (2) offer programs both during and after matriculation to enable fellows to become highly effective mathematics and science teachers and to exchange ideas with others in their fields. Limits fellowship support during such a master's degree program to one year, with a prorated amount in the case of enrollment in a part-time program.

Includes elementary or secondary school computer science teachers as mathematics and science teachers for purposes of the program of teacher recruiting and training grants known as the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 7, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 7, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-59.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Mr. Smith (TX) asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H6780)
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6780)
- **Oct 1, 2015:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H6780)
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 25, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 24, 2015:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6948-6949)
- **Sep 24, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
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- **Aug 4, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 114-115.
- **Aug 4, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 195.
- **May 20, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1135)
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 8 (Roll no. 88).(text: CR 2/24/2015 H1098-1100)
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 8 (Roll no. 88). (text: CR 2/24/2015 H1098-1100)
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1098-1100)
- **Feb 24, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1020.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 20, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 20, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.