

S 2304

Tribal Early Childhood, Education, and Related Services Integration Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Latest Action: Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. (Apr 27, 2016)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 18, 2015
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 25, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Apr 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5072	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

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This bill amends the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a demonstration program to support tribal early childhood education demonstration projects. Funding for projects is through existing programs that have a purpose consistent with the purpose of the demonstration program. HHS may waive certain provisions of law, policy, or procedure related to the programs providing funding for projects.

Demonstration projects must be: (1) carried out by an Indian tribe, a tribal organization, or a consortium with a tribe or tribal organization as its primary member; (2) designed around new approaches that address tribal community needs and improve early childhood education and services; and (3) focused on Native culture, culturally based early childhood education, and related services.

HHS must make grants to demonstration projects to: (1) build or upgrade facilities for early childhood care and development, and (2) reimburse early childhood educators who fulfill a period of obligated service for costs associated with obtaining early childhood certification or credentials.

This bill amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to revise federal student loan forgiveness and loan cancellation for teachers to increase the maximum amounts of loan forgiveness and cancellation that may be provided to early childhood teachers in programs operated by Indian tribes or serving a large percentage of Indian children. Cancellation of student loans for public service is expanded to include service in Indian prekindergarten, child care programs, or early childhood learning and development centers.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 6, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-287.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.