

## HR 3369

### RURAL Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Jul 29, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. (Nov 16, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 29, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1954	Related bill	Aug 5, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 S 138	Related bill	Jan 8, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S104; text of measure as introduced: CR S104-105)

## **Restructuring Underutilized Resources for Advancing Learning Act or the RURAL Act**

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a refundable tax credit of: (1) \$1,000 for teachers in schools in rural or high-poverty areas; (2) \$2,000 for such teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or (3) \$2,000 for eligible school administrators in rural schools.

This bill also amends the Department of Education Organization Act to establish the Office of Rural Education Policy to, among other activities: (1) advise the Department of Education (ED) on matters related to the characteristics and needs of rural schools; (2) establish and maintain a clearinghouse for information related to rural schools; and (3) provide technical assistance to support activities related to improving education in rural areas.

ED must prepare, and make publicly available, impact analyses of rules and regulations significantly affecting rural schools.

In addition, the bill: (1) authorizes ED to award competitive grants to eligible partnerships, with dedicated funding for partnerships serving rural schools, to implement and evaluate the results of technology-based learning practices, strategies, tools, or courses; and (2) amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish and authorize through FY2020 a competitive grant program for eligible entities to establish, expand, or improve expanded learning time and after-school programs in rural areas.

The bill amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to require ED to provide outreach and technical assistance for grant programs under that Act.

Rural agencies may submit consolidated plans under ESEA for covered programs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.