

HR 523

Prescribe A Book Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 251	Identical bill	Jan 26, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S467)

Summary (as of Jan 26, 2015)

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Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to award matching grants to nonprofit organizations for the implementation of Pediatric Early Literacy Programs, through which:

- health care providers encourage parents to read aloud to their children and offer parents developmentally appropriate recommendations and strategies for doing so;
- health care providers give each visiting child between the ages of six months and five years a new, developmentally appropriate children's book to take home and keep; and
- health care facilities create literacy-rich environments that include gently used books for waiting room use or volunteer readers to show parents the techniques of reading aloud to young children.

Requires that the books provided to children under the programs be obtained at a discount.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Jan 26, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.