

## HR 72

Breath of Fresh Air Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. (Apr 29, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2015
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 6, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 9, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Breath of Fresh Air Act**

Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to award matching grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to: (1) purchase nebulizers for use in their schools, and/or (2) train school personnel to use nebulizers.

Requires LEA grant applicants to demonstrate that for each of their schools that are to use the nebulizers: (1) a full-time certified nurse is on staff, (2) trained personnel and other resources necessary for nebulizer use are in place, (3) emergency services personnel are notified of nebulizer locations, (4) nebulizers are integrated into the school's emergency response procedures, and (5) procedures are in place to notify parents of the availability of nebulizers and to inform them how to provide the school with their child's prescription asthma medication and authorization to use a nebulizer to assist their child.

Gives grant priority to LEAs that: (1) serve areas where the prevalence of asthma is at least 10% higher than the national average; (2) do not already have at least one nebulizer in each of their schools; (3) serve schools that typically have a significant number of students, staff, and visitors present during the day; and (4) have not received funds under the Rural Access to Emergency Devices Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Jan 9, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.