

## HR 858

### LEARN Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Feb 10, 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. (Apr 29, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/858>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]

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

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Feb 11, 2015
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Feb 27, 2015
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jul 7, 2015

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Literacy Education for All, Results for the Nation Act or the LEARN Act**

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award grants to states to develop or improve a comprehensive plan to improve the literacy of children from birth through grade 12.

Directs the Secretary to award grants to states to implement their comprehensive literacy plans for such children through:

- competitive subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) or early learning programs for specified activities that support early language and literacy development in children from birth through kindergarten entry;
- competitive subgrants to LEAs that have the highest numbers or percentages of disadvantaged students and students reading or writing below grade level for specified activities to improve the literacy of students in kindergarten through grade 12, including the provision of family literacy services; and
- additional state activities that include providing technical assistance to subgrantees, coordinating literacy programs and resources throughout the state, disseminating information on promising literacy programs, and enhancing the credentials of literacy instructors.

Allots implementation grants to states on the basis of each state's share of disadvantaged students.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) perform a five-year national evaluation of the implementation and effect of the literacy initiatives supported by this Act, and (2) provide technical assistance and information on literacy instruction to educational entities.

Authorizes the Secretary to withhold this Act's funding from states and subgrantees, and states to withhold funding from subgrantees, whose initiatives are not making significant progress in improving student literacy.

## **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 10, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.