

HR 3716

BEST Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Biliteracy Education Seal and Teaching Act or the BEST Act

This bill directs the Department of Education to award renewable two-year grants to states to establish or improve Seal of Biliteracy programs to recognize student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language.

States must provide to participating students who demonstrate such proficiency: (1) documentation of that proficiency on their official academic transcripts, and (2) a permanent seal or other marker on their secondary school diplomas.

Students who gain proficiency in a second language outside of school may participate in such programs.

States may not charge students a program application fee.

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