

HR 55

Breath of Fresh Air Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2017
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a grant program for local educational agencies (LEAs) to purchase, and train school personnel to use, nebulizers.

Each grant recipient must demonstrate that, with respect to each of its schools that is 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.

The bill 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

- **Jan 25, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** 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.