

S 1157

REST Act

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**Policy Area:** Education

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 11, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Aug 1, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 11, 2019

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1161	Related bill	<b>Apr 11, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

## **Rural Educator Support and Training Act or the REST Act**

This bill establishes several new grant programs for students who are training at institutions of higher education to become educators in rural schools and provides additional federal student loan forgiveness for rural educators.

Specifically, the Department of Education (ED) must award undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships to students who are studying to become educators in rural schools and who agree to serve such schools for three or more years.

ED may also award grants to eligible educational agencies for the purpose of (1) reimbursing eligible rural educators for out-of-pocket costs associated with obtaining national board certification, and (2) increasing annual compensation for eligible rural educators who have become certified.

In addition, a teacher who is employed for five consecutive years in a rural school shall be eligible for up to \$17,500 in federal student loan forgiveness.

## **Actions Timeline**

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