

S 256

Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Jan 29, 2019

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Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 116-101. (Dec 20, 2019)

Law: 116-101 (Enacted Dec 20, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/256>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 29, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 29, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 17, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 28, 2019
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 912	Identical bill	Jan 30, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill revises a grant program administered by the Administration for Native Americans at the Department of Health and Human Services to preserve Native American languages. The minimum number of enrollees in educational programs funded by grants is reduced from 10 to 5 enrollees in Native American language nests, which provide instruction through the use of a Native American language for children under the age of 7 and their parents. For survival schools, which are programs striving for fluency in a Native American language and proficiency in other academic fields, the minimum number of enrollees is reduced from 15 to 10. The bill increases the maximum duration of grants.

The program is reauthorized through FY2024.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-101.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Mr. Grijalva moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9378-9380)
- **Dec 9, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 256.
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9378)
- **Dec 9, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9378)
- **Dec 9, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S4652-4664; text: CR S4660)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S4652-4664; text: CR S4660)
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven without amendment. With written report No. 116-11.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 42.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 29, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.