

HR 2639

Strength in Diversity Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 8, 2020
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 16, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HRES 1107	Related bill	Sep 15, 2020: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 S 1418	Related bill	May 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Strength in Diversity Act of 2020

This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to specified educational agencies (e.g., local educational agencies) to develop or implement plans to improve diversity and reduce or eliminate racial or socioeconomic isolation in publicly funded early childhood education programs, public elementary schools, or public secondary schools.

Specifically, ED may award planning and implementation grants to specified educational agencies. A recipient of a planning grant must use the grant to support students through certain activities, such as developing options to improve diversity in schools (e.g., weighted lotteries or school boundary redesign).

Further, a recipient of an implementation grant must implement a high-quality plan to support students. This plan must, among other things, include a comprehensive set of strategies that are designed to improve academic outcomes for all students, particularly students of color and low-income students. A grant recipient may also use the grant for certain activities, such as recruiting additional teachers and staff, investing in specialized academic programs, and developing innovative and equitable school assignment plans.

Additionally, ED may carry out national activities under the grant program, such as developing best practices for grant recipients and other experts in school diversity.

The bill also requires ED to establish performance measures for the program and its related activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1107. (consideration: CR H4400-4414)
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2574, H.R. 2639, H.R. 2694 and H. Res. 908. Provides for one hour of debate on each measure. The previous question will be considered as ordered on each measure without intervening motions except for one motion to recommit with or without instructions on H.R. 2574, H.R. 2639, and H.R. 2694.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2639.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1107, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Torres (CA) amendment No. 1.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1107, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Allen amendment No. 2.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Allen amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Allen demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1107, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Fudge en bloc amendment No. 1.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1107, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Dean amendment No. 6.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1107, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Moulton amendment No. 9.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Moulton amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Foxx (NC) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on agreeing to the Allen amendment No. 2, which was debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - The Chair announced that pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 2639 is postponed.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4414-4416)
- **Sep 15, 2020:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on the Moulton amendment No. 9, which was debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 248 - 167 (Roll no. 189).
- **Sep 15, 2020:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 248 - 167 (Roll no. 189).
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1107 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2574, H.R. 2639, H.R. 2694 and H. Res. 908. Provides for one hour of debate on each measure. The previous question will be considered as ordered on each measure without intervening motions except for one motion to recommit with or without instructions on H.R. 2574, H.R. 2639, and H.R. 2694.
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and Labor. H. Rept. 116-496.
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 397.
- **May 16, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 16, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 20.
- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.