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Reopen Schools Safely Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 25, 2020)

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jun 25, 2020 |

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Related Bills

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| 116 HR 7692 | Related bill | Jul 20, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |

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This bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to states and, through them, subgrants to local educational agencies and institutions of higher education to comply with the guidelines, recommendations, and other public health communications issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local governments to mitigate the hazards of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) in schools.

Subgrants must be used for certain activities, such as implementing exposure control plans, hiring personnel and purchasing equipment for health screenings, providing students and staff with personal protective equipment, and purchasing sanitation supplies.

Unexpended funds must be returned to ED. Additionally, unused supplies and materials that were purchased with grants may not be resold.

Actions Timeline

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