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Build America's Libraries Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

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Cosponsors (31 total)

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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 28, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 28, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 28, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 4, 2021
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 11, 2021
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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 20, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 21, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 10, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 13, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 17, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 26, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 15, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 21, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 22, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 27, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 18, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1581	Related bill	Mar 3, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2021)

Build America's Libraries Act

This bill establishes and provides funds through FY2024 for the Build America's Libraries Fund, from which the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) must allocate funding to states and, through them, need-based grants to libraries to make long-term improvements to library facilities. The IMLS must also award grants to Indian tribes and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians.

Specifically, the bill requires each state that receives an allocation, and each library that receives a grant, to carry out certain activities to improve library facilities. These activities include constructing and renovating library facilities, investing in infrastructure projects to improve internet access and connectivity, improving indoor air quality, and making facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The bill also outlines administrative and oversight provisions, including by requiring library projects to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States.

Actions Timeline

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