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Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2021

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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 23, 2021
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Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 4, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 30, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 1, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 23, 2021

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1241	Identical bill	Feb 23, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2021

This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and expands the Full-Service Community Schools program. The program provides support for full-service community schools that serve children and their families, particularly for children who attend high-poverty elementary and secondary schools.

Specifically, the bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to eligible entities to plan, implement, expand, and support full-service community schools. An eligible entity is a consortium of (1) one or more local educational agencies or the Bureau of Indian Education; and (2) one or more community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or other entities.

A *community school* refers to a public elementary or secondary school that incorporates the four pillars of community schools. These four pillars are defined by the bill as (1) integrated student supports that address out-of-school barriers to learning (e.g., medical care and assistance with housing, transportation, or nutrition); (2) expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities (e.g., before- and after-school programs); (3) family and community engagement (e.g., adult education); and (4) collaborative leadership and practices, which must include a school-based leadership team, a community school coordinator, and a community-wide leadership team.

Further, the bill directs ED to award grants to states to plan, implement, and expand community schools. A state educational agency that receives a grant must meet certain requirements, such as providing subgrants to local educational agencies, establishing a state-level steering committee, and establishing goals for the implementation and expansion of community schools throughout the state.

Actions Timeline

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