

HR 6971

Educating Against Misinformation and Disinformation Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2022
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Related Bills

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This bill establishes a commission and requires other activities to support information and media literacy education and to prevent misinformation and disinformation.

Specific duties of the commission include (1) implementing a national strategy to promote information and media literacy; and (2) identifying programs and resources on information and media literacy for use in elementary, secondary, and higher education, and adult education programs. The Department of Education (ED) must assess the effectiveness of the commission in promoting information and media literacy education.

ED must also award competitive grants to nonprofits (including institutions of higher education) to develop educational materials, public awareness campaigns, and other programming to promote information and media literacy and combat misinformation and disinformation. Additionally, ED must conduct a study to evaluate information and media literacy among the American public.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.