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Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1959	Related bill	**Mar 17, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2021)

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This bill expands special education and related services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, students with visual disabilities, and children and youth who are deaf-blind.

The individualized education program for each child who is visually and/or hearing impaired must include specified components and must provide the child with instruction that meets the child's unique learning needs.

In addition, a state's closure of a special school serving deaf or blind children shall count as a reduction of its financial support for special education and related services.

Among other provisions, the bill authorizes support, including grants for training special education personnel, to be used in preparing individuals to become qualified teachers and early intervention specialists for children with hearing disabilities.

The bill establishes within the Department of Education the Anne Sullivan Macy Center on Visual Disability and Educational Excellence to better support students with visual disabilities.

Actions Timeline

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