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Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 27, 2023
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Sep 27, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5748	Identical bill	Sep 27, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## **Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act**

This bill expands special education and related services for children and youth who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafdisabled, blind, visually impaired, or deafblind.

The bill establishes additional requirements for states to identify and evaluate children who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafdisabled, blind, visually impaired, or deafblind.

A state's closure of a specialized school serving children who are blind or deaf shall count as a reduction of its financial support for special education and related services.

The bill also 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 who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafdisabled, or deafblind.

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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