

HR 2991

TEACH Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ogles, Andrew [R-TN-5]

Party: Republican • State: TN • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-9]	R · AZ		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Greene, Marjorie Taylor [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Luna, Anna Paulina [R-FL-13]	R · FL		May 5, 2023
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 10, 2023
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jun 6, 2023
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Aug 4, 2023
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Aug 4, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5505	Related bill	Sep 14, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
118 S 2802	Related bill	Sep 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HR 5161	Related bill	Aug 4, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Summary (as of Apr 28, 2023)

Teachers Empowered Against Classroom Harm Act of 2023 or the TEACH Act of 2023

This bill addresses school safety and security, including by expanding access to firearms for certain individuals and providing grants for defensive training programs.

Current law prohibits the use of federal elementary and secondary education funds to provide any person with a dangerous weapon or training in the use of a dangerous weapon. The bill removes this prohibition.

Next, the bill broadens the authority for certain individuals to carry firearms in a school zone. Specifically, the bill exempts individuals authorized by state law to carry firearms from the federal prohibition on possessing a firearm in a school zone.

Further, the bill prohibits the Department of Education (ED) from disbursing or obligating funds for states, local governments, or eligible entities (e.g., local educational agencies or private schools) that restrict (in excess of federal law) the possession of firearms within school zones.

Additionally, the bill directs ED to obligate certain reserved funds (i.e., funds reserved for technical assistance and capacity building) for a grant program. In particular, ED must award grants to enable eligible entities (e.g., local educational agencies or private schools) to participate in defensive training programs designed to protect schools from armed intruders. ED must fully obligate these funds for awarding grants and failure to do so shall result in a hiring freeze for ED.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2092)
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

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