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Justice for Jana Elementary Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]

Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Apr 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2820	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.

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This bill establishes a program and requirements regarding schools impacted by radioactive contaminants, including in the Hazelwood School District in Missouri.

Specifically, the bill requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to establish and execute new remediation goals for Jana Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District so that no portion of the site is subjected to radiation above background levels. (The school is located near Coldwater Creek, which is contaminated with radioactive waste from nearby sites used for the World War II nuclear weapons program.)

The bill establishes a Radioactive School Assistance Program (and fund) to provide financial assistance to local educational agencies that have been financially impacted by the presence of radioactive contaminants stemming from U.S. atomic energy activities.

Under the bill, schools in the Hazelwood School District in Missouri must be designated as vicinity properties of the St. Louis Airport Site for purposes of the USACE Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. Such schools must be investigated, including via on-site inspections and sampling, in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Contingency Plan (i.e., the national plan for responding to spills or releases of hazardous substances).

The Department of Energy must review and report on the methodology and results of all tests for radioactive contaminants conducted at Jana Elementary School.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S1361-1362; text: CR S1361-1362)
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- **Feb 14, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.