

HR 4259

Think Differently about Education Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Jun 21, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sep 25, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/4259>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Molinaro, Marcus J. [R-NY-19]

Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Jun 22, 2023
Rep. D'Esposito, Anthony [R-NY-4]	R · NY		Jun 23, 2023
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2023
Rep. Houchin, Erin [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Bean, Aaron [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Sep 20, 2023
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 25, 2023
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 25, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3536	Identical bill	Dec 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill establishes a notification requirement related to an individualized education program (IEP). (Generally, IEPs are individualized plans to ensure that a child with a disability receives a free appropriate public education.)

Under current law, states and local educational agencies (LEAs) must convene a team to develop an IEP. The composition of the team that develops the IEP is outlined in current law and allows for other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the child (including related services personnel, as appropriate) to participate in this team. This bill requires the LEA that serves the child to notify the child's parents of their right to include these other individuals with knowledge or special expertise on the child's IEP team.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Mr. Bean (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5705-5707)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4259.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5706)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5706)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 118-252.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 202.
- **Sep 14, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 14, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 39 - 0.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.