

HR 7007

BEST Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Jan 17, 2024)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2024
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 29, 2024
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 12, 2024
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2024
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Mar 21, 2024
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 5, 2024
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Apr 9, 2024
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Apr 16, 2024
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 1, 2024
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		May 7, 2024
Rep. Crockett, Jasmine [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 21, 2024
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 23, 2024
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 31, 2024
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 11, 2024
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 17, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3595	Identical bill	<b>Jan 17, 2024:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Jan 17, 2024)

### Biliteracy Education Seal and Teaching Act or the BEST Act

This bill directs the Department of Education to award renewable two-year grants to states to establish or improve, and carry out, Seal of Biliteracy programs and early language programs to recognize student proficiency in both English and a second language. Student proficiency shall be demonstrated through proficiency in speaking and writing in both languages and may also be demonstrated through reading and listening in both languages.

Further, these programs must allow speakers of any official Native American language to use equivalent proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in such language in lieu of proficiency in English.

## Actions Timeline

- Jan 17, 2024:** Introduced in House
- Jan 17, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.