

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9765

To amend the requirements for teaching residency programs under part
A of title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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under part A of title II of the Higher Education Act
of 1965.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Educators for America
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEACHER QUALITY PARTNERSHIPS.**

7 Section 202(e)(2)(B)(ii) of the Higher Education Act
8 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1022a(e)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subclauses (I), (II), and
2 (III) as items (aa), (bb), and (cc), respectively, and
3 adjusting the margins accordingly;

4 (2) in the matter preceding item (aa), as so re-
5 designated, by striking “shall” and all that follows
6 through “characteristics:” and inserting the fol-
7 lowing: “shall carry out the following:

8 “(I) Establish criteria for the se-
9 lection of eligible individuals to par-
10 ticipate in the teaching residency pro-
11 gram based on the following charac-
12 teristics:”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(II) Prioritize the recruitment
15 and selection of eligible individuals
16 underrepresented in the teaching pro-
17 fession, including men.”.

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