

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2356

To amend section 1119 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require each State educational agency receiving assistance under part A of title I of such Act to consider a teacher highly qualified if the teacher is (or was) highly qualified in at least 1 other State and has at least 5 years of teaching experience.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2009

Mr. BACA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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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 The Act may be cited as the “Educators Achieving
5 Reciprocity Now (E.A.R.N.) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEACHER RECIPROCITY.**

2 Section 1119(a) of the Elementary and Secondary
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6319(a)) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) **TEACHER RECIPROCITY.**—Beginning with
6 the first day of the first school year after the date
7 of the enactment of the Educators Achieving Reci-
8 procity Now (E.A.R.N.) Act, each State educational
9 agency receiving assistance under this part shall en-
10 sure that a teacher is considered highly qualified
11 with respect to an academic subject without requir-
12 ing any further actions, if the teacher—

13 “(A) is (or was) considered highly qualified
14 in such academic subject in at least 1 other
15 State; and

16 “(B) has been teaching for at least 5 years
17 in a public or private school.”.

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