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Bill Number	Title/Author	Purpose	Status
HR 35	Teacher Tax Reduction Act Sponsor: Biggert	Increase the tax deduction that teachers may take for “trade and business” to \$500.	Pending in House Ways and Means Committee Cosponsors: 2
HR 83	Bullying Prevention and Intervention Sponsor: Jackson Lee	Establishes guidelines and creates a grant program for states for bullying prevention programs.	Pending in House Judiciary Committee Cosponsors: 26
HR 161	Head Start Teacher Tax Deduction Sponsor: Schuler	Provide Head Start teachers with the same above-the-line tax deduction for supplies as is allowed elementary and secondary school teachers.	Pending in the House Ways and Means Committee
HR 369	Health Savings and Affordability Act Sponsor: Austria	Allows classification of certain exercise equipment and fees for physical fitness programs as medical expenses under FSA’s and HSA’s.	Pending in the House Ways and Means Committee Cosponsors: 19

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HR 408	Spending Reduction Act of 2011 Sponsor: Jordan	To reduce federal spending by \$2.5 trillion by 2021—eliminates PEP program.	Pending in various committees. Cosponsors: 32-
HR 422	Requires daily physical education for all students. Sponsor: Baca	Requires schools to provide physical education according to NASPE recommended minutes.	Pending in House Education and the Workforce Committee Cosponsors: 4
HR 458	High School Athletics Accountability Act of 2011 Sponsor: Slaughter	To promote gender equality in high school athletics	Pending in House Education and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Cosponsors: 41
HR 469	Protecting Student Athletes from Concussions Act of 2011 Sponsor: Bishop	Promotes minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports.	Pending in the House Education and the Workforce Committee Cosponsors: 19

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HR 507	Assessment Accuracy and Improvement Act Sponsor: Petri	Provides for adaptive assessments in ESEA.	Pending in House Education and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Cosponsors: 6
HR 1057 S. 576	FIT Kids Act Sponsor: Kind Sponsor: Harkin	Requires schools/districts to report on the quality and quantity of physical education provided to students.	Pending in House Education and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education House Cosponsors: 64 Senate Cosponsors: 11
HR 1214	Repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction Sponsor: Burgess	Rescind funds made available by Patient Protection and Affordance Care Act	Passed House 5/4/11 Pending in Senate HELP Committee Cosponsors: 4

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HR 1368	Securing Teacher Effectiveness, Leadership, Learning and Results Act of 2011 Sponsor: Davis	Require establishment of teacher evaluation programs.	Pending in Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Cosponsors: 1
HR 1531	Access to Complete Education Sponsor: Woolsey	Creates a grant program to help states integrate more art, geography, civics, economics, history foreign language, health and PE into schools.	Pending before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
HR 1648	Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2011 Sponsor: Sanchez	To prevent bullying and harassment through reporting and collection of data and requiring state policy to address bullying prevention.	Pending before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce Cosponsors: 98

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HR 1780	Safe and Complete Streets Act Sponsor: Matsui	Requires state and regional transportation planning boards to adopt complete streets policies—ensures safety and accessibility for all to walking/biking/recreation opportunities.	Pending in House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
S. 1056	Sponsor: Harkin		Pending in Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works House: 1 cosponsor Senate: 13 cosponsors
HR 1794	Keep Teachers Teaching Act of 2011 Sponsor: Price	Provide grants for innovative teacher retention programs.	Pending in Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Cosponsors: 13
HR 1891	Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act Sponsor: Hunter	Eliminates 42 education programs, including PEP and Arts in Education.	Passed House Committee on Education and the Workforce 5/25/11 Cosponsors: 7

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HR 2445	Flexibility in Education Spending Sponsor: Kline	Allows SEAs and LEAs to use flexibility in spending federal education dollars.	Passed House Committee on Education and the Workforce 7/25/11
HR 2547	No Child Left Inside Act Sponsor: Sarbanes	Encourages environmental education, including getting students outside to exercise and play.	Pending before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce Cosponsors: 40
H Res 68	Hockey is for Everyone Month Sponsor: Quigley	Supports the goals and ideals of Hockey is for Everyone Month.	Pending in the House Education and the Workforce Committee and the House Veterans Affairs Committee Cosponsors: 5
S. 124	Safety for Our Schoolchildren Act of 2011: Background checks on all public education employees Sponsor: Vitter	Would require FBI criminal background checks on all public school applicants.	Pending in the Senate HELP Committee Cosponsors:

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S. 162	Cut Federal Spending Act of 2011 Sponsor: Paul	To cut \$500 billion from federal spending in 2011—eliminates all education programs.	Pending in various committees. Cosponsors:
S. 174	HELP America Act Sponsor: Harkin	Addresses physical activity in child care and equal access to PA for children w/ disabilities, among other provisions.	Pending in the Senate Finance Committee Cosponsors:
S. 392	PHYSICAL Act Sponsor: Udall (NM)	Recognizes PE and HE as core academic subjects, maintains PEP as stand-alone program, authorizes new HE grant program.	Pending before the Senate HELP Committee Cosponsors:2
S. 800	Safe Routes to School Sponsor: Harkin	Reauthorizes and expands the Safe Routes to School program.	Pending before the Senate Cosponsors: 16

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S. 919	Successful, Safe, and Healthy Student's Act of 2011 Sponsor: Harkin	Provide funding for promotion of student physical and mental health, well-being, nutrition, and fitness.	Pending before the Senate HELP Committee Cosponsors: 1
S. Res. 97	Physical Activity Resolution Sponsors: Casey/Burr	Resolution affirming the importance of exercise for physical health.	Passed Senate 3/9/11 by unanimous consent.
S. Res. 173	National Physical Education and Sport Week Sponsor: Klobuchar	Designates May 1-7 as National Physical Education and Sport Week	Pending in Committee on the Judiciary

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