

# Federal Education Update



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# Overview

- 110<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Education Policy
  - No Child Left Behind
  - Higher Education/Student Visas
  - Adult Education
  - Immigration
- 2008 Election
- Advocacy



# U.S. House of Representatives



- **Leadership**
  - Speaker of the House – Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- **House Education and Labor Committee**
  - Chairman – Rep. George Miller (D-CA)

# U.S. Senate



- **Leadership**
    - Majority Leader - Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV)
  - **Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee**
    - Chairman – Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA)
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# No Child Left Behind

- Reauthorization
- Regulations
- Title III
  - ELP Framework
  - Interpretations
  - Grant Reorganization
  - “Supplement not Supplant”
- LEP Partnership





# Higher Education

- Higher Education Act reauthorization
  - S. 2653 - American Competitiveness Through International Openness Now (ACTION) Act
  - S. 3658 - Accreditation of English language training programs
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# Adult Education

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
  - HR 2214 - Adults Achieving the American Dream Act
  - H.R. 1794 – FLUENT Act
  - Adult ESL Online Portal
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# Integration

- **Strengthening Communities Through English and Integration Act**
    - H.R. 6617 - Rep. Mike Honda (D-CA)
    - S.3334 - Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY)
  - **DREAM Act**
    - S.774 - Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)
    - H.R. 1275 - Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA)
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# 2008 Elections

- **U.S. House of Representatives**
  - 235 Democrats
  - 199 Republicans
  - 1 Vacancy
- **U.S. Senate**
  - 49 Democrats
  - 49 Republicans
  - 1 *Independent (VT)*
  - 1 *Ind. Democrat (CT)*





# Online Resources

- TESOL's U.S. Advocacy Action Center
    - <http://capwiz.com/tesol>
  - <http://www.senate.gov>
  - <http://www.house.gov>
  - <http://thomas.loc.gov>
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