

## News from Senator

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### DOLE INITIATIVES INCORPORATED IN EDUCATION LEGISLATION

Washington, DC -- Proposals by Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) to strengthen and make more competitive America's educational system have been incorporated in the "Education For A Competitive America Act" approved by a Senate panel.

"These proposals recognize what is right about American education," said Sen. Dole, "and strive to strengthen teaching in math, language, science and computer instruction. The final product, I believe, will be a better education for our children. In turn, as adults they'll be better equipped to compete in the world."

Sen. Dole first proposed strengthening American education in April with the introduction of the "Education Competitiveness and Improvement Act." The bill was referred to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, where major elements were incorporated into the committee legislation.

Among the key Dole proposals included in the committee bill are:

- \* Grants to include foreign language and computer instruction in local schools under existing law.
- \* \$20 million in funding for a "Partnership for Excellence" program, where schools, business and government join forces in the push to enhance the quality of education.
- \* Funding to implement new programs to aid gifted and talented students in elementary and high schools.
- \* Grants to educational institutions where students volunteer for literacy training

According to Dole, the committee bill authorizes \$1.007 billion in spending over a five-year period. It will be considered in conjunction with proposed trade legislation. He said the committee also, for the first time ever, reauthorized for a five-year period funding for the National Science Foundation.