



Overview

The English Learner Education Package consists of the Reaching English Learners Act, Families Learning and Understanding English Together (FLUENT) Act, and the Supporting Young Language Learners' Access to Bilingual Education (SYLLABLE) Act. The bills are designed to comprehensively support English learners, their families, and their educators through sustained investments in partnerships, programs, and services.



Why now?

Growing Community of English Learners

According to the Pew Research Center, the percent of the U.S. population composed of immigrants has steadily increased from a low of 4.7% in 1970 to about 16% in 2025. Most of these households include English learners.

Workforce Demands

Bilingual employees are in high demand. Teacher shortages are creating gaps in literacy. Supporting teacher quality standards to elevate literacy in English learners will positively impact the future workforce in all fields.



Key Distinctions

Purpose

Target Population

Reaching English Learners Act

Supports partnerships between higher education and high-need local education agencies with competitive grants.

Enables pre-service teachers, especially those who were English learners themselves, to attain ESL licensure.

Families Learning and Understanding English Together (FLUENT) Act

Expands literacy services for English learner families to improve educational, social, and economic advancement.

Empowers families with English learners who have unmet literacy needs.

Supporting Young Language Learners' Access to Bilingual Education (SYLLABLE) Act

Strengthens bilingual education through targeted investments in dual language immersion programs.

Supports local educational agencies' innovative program strategies that serve students from low-income, minority, and English Learner backgrounds, specifically students in preschool through fifth grade.