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Title: To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for a National Resource Center for Positive Youth Development and School Success.

Sponsor: [Rep Ellison, Keith](#) [3] [MN-5] (introduced 10/16/2007) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 10/16/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Highlights: Use available funds to establish centers that (1) provide resources, publications, and training to State and local educational agencies on the positive relationships, opportunities, and skills that students need to succeed in school and avoid risky behavior; (2) provide a free information service, using print, electronic media, and the Internet, for schools, principals, school officers, parent-teacher associations, and community groups, relating to infusing developmental assets, supports and strengths into existing school curriculum, programs, and services; and (3) conduct and publish research on the relationship between a strength-based approach to youth development and school success, including academic achievement and retention of the teaching force.

ASPIRA Policy Position

ASPIRA supports positive youth development. However, the measure calls for use of existing funds.

ASPIRA supports the purpose of the measure but is concerned that either the centers will not be established for lack of funding or that funding will be taken from other valuable programs to create the centers.

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