

READ Act Reauthorization (H.R.681/S.41)

LASER TALK

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Engage: UNESCO reports that the number of children out of school has risen to 250 million, up by 6 million.

State Problem: COVID-19 related school closures disrupted learning for nearly all of the world's 1.5 billion school-aged children. Now, in order to reach world education goals by 2030, we must enroll a child every two seconds.

Inform: Congress can support kids getting the foundational skills they need by co-sponsoring the bipartisan READ Act Reauthorization Act of 2023 in both the House (H.R.681) and Senate (S.41). The bill calls on the U.S. to update its foundational literacy and numeracy strategy. It calls for reaching vulnerable populations. And it calls for proof of robust monitoring and evaluation.

Call to Action: Children around the world need basic education for a successful and bright future. Will you be a READ Act co-sponsor?