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FIND A BILL

Search for bills from the home page by number or keyword.

- Type a bill number. Click  to run the search, or press Enter on your keyboard.
- Type a word or phrase. Use AND, OR, and NOT to connect.
- Enclose phrases in quotation marks.
- Use ~ with a number after a phrase to find words near each other. For example, “**student loan**” ~6.

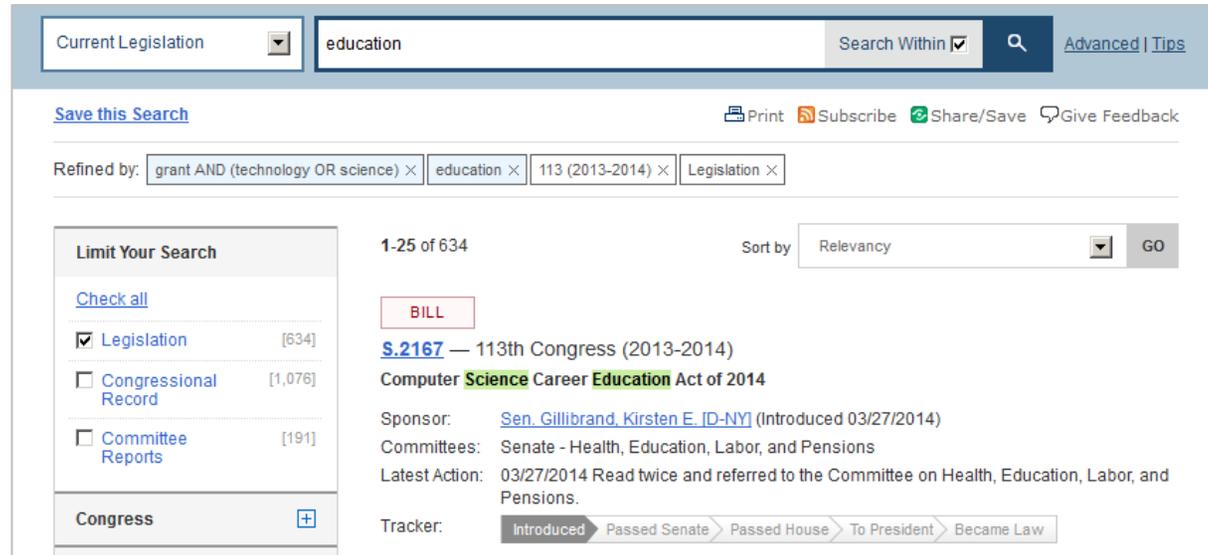


The screenshot shows the Congress.gov search interface. At the top right, there is a 'Sign In' link. Below the logo, there are navigation links: Legislation, Congressional Record, Committees, Members, Browse, About, Glossary, Resources, Help, and Contact Us. The search bar has a dropdown menu set to 'Current Legislation'. The first search example shows the text 's230' in the search box. The second search example shows the text 'grant AND (technology OR science)' in the search box. Both examples have a magnifying glass icon and a link to 'Advanced | Tips'.

EXPAND YOUR SEARCH

Home page search defaults to legislation from the current Congress.

- Use the pulldown menu to expand your search to other collections, such as the Congressional Record.
- From search results page, click on a search term to remove it.
- Add criteria to a search by selecting limits from the left column. For example, select Senate under Chamber to display only Senate bills.
- Check **Search Within** in the search box to enter more keywords.



The screenshot shows the search results page for the term 'education'. The search bar is set to 'Current Legislation' and 'education'. There are options to 'Save this Search', 'Print', 'Subscribe', 'Share/Save', and 'Give Feedback'. The results are refined by 'grant AND (technology OR science)', 'education', '113 (2013-2014)', and 'Legislation'. On the left, there is a 'Limit Your Search' section with a 'Check all' link and three options: 'Legislation' (checked, 634), 'Congressional Record' (unchecked, 1,076), and 'Committee Reports' (unchecked, 191). Below this is a 'Congress' section with a '+' icon. The main results area shows '1-25 of 634' results, sorted by 'Relevancy'. The top result is a 'BILL' titled 'S.2167 — 113th Congress (2013-2014) Computer Science Career Education Act of 2014'. It lists the sponsor as 'Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (D-NY)' (Introduced 03/27/2014), the committee as 'Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions', and the latest action as '03/27/2014 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions'. A 'Tracker' shows the bill's progress: 'Introduced' (highlighted), 'Passed Senate', 'Passed House', 'To President', and 'Became Law'.

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- Easy access from the home page.
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- Watch live floor proceedings.
- Access chamber vote tallies.
- View committee schedules.

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SAVE YOUR SEARCHES

Set up an account to save search queries you want to run again.

- From **Sign In** link in right top corner of any page, select [Create an account](#) for one-time set up of your account.
- Sign In with email and password once each time you use Congress.gov.
- Select **Save this Search** from any search results page.
- Click sign in name in right top corner and select **Saved Searches** to view and execute your previously saved queries.

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- Daily Digest of most recent issue is displayed. Click on a tab to move to a different section.
- Select **Entire Issue (PDF)** for a display formatted like the print copy.
- Find older issues by selecting a date from the calendar.
- Select **Browse by Date** to see all issues and sections in date order.

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