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# H. R. 4186

To provide demonstration grants to local governmental agencies and  
community-based organizations for mentor programs.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 1994

Miss COLLINS of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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and community-based organizations for mentor  
programs.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PURPOSES.**

4       The purpose of this Act is to award demonstration  
5       grants—

6               (1) to provide role models for encouraging at-  
7       risk youth to become responsible citizens;

8               (2) to build a sense of community in distressed  
9       urban areas;

1           (3) to improve academic and social performance  
2 of at-risk youth and encourage educational achieve-  
3 ment;

4           (4) to improve individual self-concept and  
5 multicultural knowledge of history in an effort to in-  
6 still a positive self-image;

7           (5) to strengthen family relationships; and

8           (6) to encourage at-risk youth to resolve con-  
9 flicts without violence.

10 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, after consultation  
12 with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, is au-  
13 thorized to award grants to eligible entities that serve at-  
14 risk students with not less than half of such grants award-  
15 ed to such entities that serve primarily minority youth.

16       (b) AWARD BASIS.—The Secretary shall award  
17 grants under this Act on a competitive basis.

18       (c) DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT.—A grant made under  
19 this section shall be distributed to a grantee in 1 or more  
20 annual installments during a period not to exceed 3 years.

21       (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this Act,  
22 the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities that  
23 have developed broad-based community support.

1 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under this  
3 Act, a designated representative of an eligible entity shall  
4 submit an application to the Secretary in such form and  
5 containing such information as the Secretary may reason-  
6 ably require.

7 (b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Each application  
8 submitted under subsection (a) shall include assurances  
9 that the eligible entity shall—

10 (1) establish a mentorship program that in-  
11 cludes—

12 (A) participation from adult role models  
13 who have made a commitment to serve as a  
14 mentor during and after school, including the  
15 period between school years; and

16 (B) programs conducted by mentors re-  
17 garding such topics as culture, values, conflict  
18 resolution, and the importance of family, edu-  
19 cation, and community;

20 (2) provide tutors to work with students and  
21 mentors;

22 (3) describe how activities will take place in the  
23 community and community members will be in-  
24 volved;

25 (4) describe activities that develop family rela-  
26 tionship skills;

1           (5) require that students who participate in a  
2           mentor program establish written goals, including  
3           educational and behavioral goals; and

4           (6) require parental consent for children to par-  
5           ticipate in mentoring programs.

6 **SEC. 4. EVALUATION.**

7           The Secretary shall evaluate the demonstration pro-  
8           gram assisted under this Act and shall report annually to  
9           the Congress regarding the overall effectiveness of such  
10          program, including recommendations for improving the  
11          program.

12 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

13          For the purposes of this Act—

14               (1) the term “eligible entity” means a local gov-  
15               ernmental agency, a nonprofit community-based or-  
16               ganization, or a consortia of such nonprofit agencies  
17               and organizations in communities in which—

18                       (A) a high percentage of residents are  
19                       members of low-income families with children;  
20                       and

21                       (B) there is unemployment, pervasive pov-  
22                       erty, and general economic distress;

23               (2) the term “at-risk youth” means a youth at  
24               risk of educational failure, including failure to com-

1       plete graduation requirements or involvement in de-  
2       linquent activities;

3               (3) the term “mentor” means an individual who  
4       works with an at-risk youth on a one-to-one basis,  
5       establishing a supportive relationship with the youth  
6       and providing the youth with academic assistance  
7       and exposure to new experiences that enhance the  
8       youth’s ability to become a responsible citizen; and

9               (4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
10      of Education.

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12       There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000  
13      for fiscal year 1994 and \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal  
14      years 1995 and 1996 to carry out this Act.

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