H. R. 1313

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MARCH 29, 2001
Ms. LOFGREN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Z’s to A’s Act”.

SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.
(a) In General.—The Secretary of Education is authorized to provide a grant of not more than $25,000 to each local educational agency that agrees to begin school for secondary students after 9:00 in the morning.
(b) **Eligibility.**—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a local educational agency shall submit an application to the Secretary providing assurances that—

(1) at the time of the application, secondary schools served by the local educational agency begin school before 9:00 in the morning; and

(2) not later than 2 years after the date of submission of the application, secondary schools served by such agency shall begin classes after 9:00 in the morning.

(c) **Uses of Funds.**—A local educational agency that receives a grant under this Act may use such grant funds to pay for the administrative and operating costs associated in changing the hours of operation of secondary schools served by such agency.

(d) **Definitions.**—For purposes of this Act—

(1) the term “secondary school” has the same meaning given such term in section 14101(25) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801(25)); and

(2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Education.