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To improve foreign language instruction.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2001

Mr. COCHRAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To improve foreign language instruction.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Language Ac-
5 quisition and Proficiency Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SHORT TITLE AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 7201 of the Foreign Language Assistance
8 Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7511) is amended to read as fol-
9 lows:

10 **“SEC. 7201. SHORT TITLE.**

11 “‘This part may be cited as the ‘Foreign Language
12 Acquisition and Proficiency Act of 2001.’”.

1 **SEC. 3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM.**

2 (a) FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 7203 of the Foreign
3 Language Acquisition and Proficiency Act of 2001 (20
4 U.S.C. 7513) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “three
6 years” and inserting “not less than three and not
7 more than five years”;

8 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
9 following:

10 “(3) HEAVILY IMPACTED SCHOOLS.—The Sec-
11 retary shall use 50 percent of the funds appro-
12 priated to carry out this part for a fiscal year to
13 award grants for foreign language programs serving
14 students in elementary schools or secondary schools
15 described in section 1114(a)(1)(B), and notwith-
16 standing subsection (c), the Federal share of the
17 cost of such programs shall be 100 percent.”; and

18 (3) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

20 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
21 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

22 (b) APPLICATIONS.—Section 7204(b) of the Foreign
23 Language Acquisition and Proficiency Act of 2001 (20
24 U.S.C. 7514(b)) is amended—

25 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
26 paragraphs (4) and (5);

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(2) make effective use of technology such as
 4 computer assisted instruction, language laboratories,
 5 or distance learning;

6 “(3) promote innovative activities such as im-
 7 mersion, partial immersion, or content-based in-
 8 struction;”;

9 (3) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by para-
 10 graph (1)), by striking “or” after the semicolon;

11 (4) in paragraph (5) (as redesignated by para-
 12 graph (1)), by striking the period and inserting “;
 13 or”; and

14 (5) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(6) involve consortia with elementary schools
 16 or secondary schools.”.

17 (c) INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—Section 7205(a) of the
 18 Foreign Language Acquisition and Proficiency Act of
 19 2001 (20 U.S.C. 7515(a)) is amended by striking “pro-
 20 vides to students attending such school” and inserting
 21 “initiates”.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 23 7206 of the Foreign Language Acquisition and Pro-
 24 ficiency Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. 7516) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “\$35,000,000 for the fiscal year
2 1995” and inserting “\$50,000,000 for fiscal year
3 2002”; and

4 (2) by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting
5 “\$25,000,000”.

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