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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
Ms. FUDGE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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 “School Athletic Facilities Restoration Act of 2011”.

SEC. 2. ATHLETICS FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM.
(a) In General.—Part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new subpart:
“Subpart 22—Athletic Facilities

“SEC. 5619. SHORT TITLE.
“‘This subpart may be cited as the ‘School Athletic Facilities Restoration Program’.

“SEC. 5620. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.
“The Secretary is authorized to make grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational agencies for the construction, renovation, or repair of school facilities that are primarily used for physical education, athletic contests or exhibitions, or athletic extracurricular activities, such as team sports.

“SEC. 5621. APPLICATIONS.
“Each local educational agency desiring a grant under this subpart shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary shall require.

“SEC. 5622. REQUIREMENTS.
“(1) Report to Secretary.—A local educational agency receiving a grant under this subpart shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that—

“(A) describes the activities conducted during the preceding year; and

“(B) demonstrates that progress has been made toward completing the construction, renovation, or repair of the facility.
“(2) Administrative expenses.—Not more than 5 percent of the grant funds made available to a local educational agency under this subpart may be used for administrative expenses.

“SEC. 5623. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

“(a) Federal share.—The Federal share of the cost of any project funded under this subpart shall not exceed 50 percent.

“(b) Proportionality.—To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that grants awarded under this subpart shall be equitably distributed among local educational agencies serving urban and rural areas.

“(c) Report to Congress.—Not later than one year after a grant is awarded under this subpart, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress that—

“(1) describes the grants made under this subpart;

“(2) documents the progress of construction, renovation, and repair funded under this subpart; and

“(3) makes such recommendations as the Secretary determines appropriate for the continuation and improvement of grants made under this subpart.
“(d) Availability of Funds.—Amounts made available to the Secretary to carry out this subpart shall remain available until expended.

“SEC. 5624. SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.

“Funds made available under this subpart shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any other Federal, State, or local funds available for construction, renovation, or repair of school facilities.”.

(b) Conforming Amendments.—The table of contents in section 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by inserting after the item relating to subpart 21 of part D of title V the following new item:

“SUBPART 22—ATHLETICS FACILITIES

“Sec. 5619. Short title.
“Sec. 5620. Program authorized.
“Sec. 5621. Applications.
“Sec. 5622. Requirements.
“Sec. 5623. Administrative provisions.
“Sec. 5624. Supplement, not supplant.”.