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To provide class size demonstration grants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

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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. CLASS SIZE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.**

4 Subpart 3 of part D of title V of the Higher Edu-
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1109 et seq.) is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 **“Subpart 3—Class Size Demonstration Grants**

8 **“SEC. 561. PURPOSE.**

9 “It is the purpose of this subpart to provide grants
10 to State educational agencies to enable such agencies to
11 determine the benefits, in various school settings, of reduc-

1 ing class size on the educational performance of students
 2 and on classroom management and organization.

3 **“SEC. 562. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

4 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
 6 grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational
 7 agencies to pay the Federal share of the costs of
 8 conducting demonstration projects that demonstrate
 9 methods of reducing class size that may provide in-
 10 formation meaningful to other State educational
 11 agencies and local educational agencies.

12 “(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share
 13 shall be 50 percent.

14 “(b) RESERVATION.—The Secretary may reserve not
 15 more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated under
 16 section 565A for each fiscal year to carry out the activities
 17 described in section 565.

18 “(c) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall
 19 make grants to State educational agencies on the basis
 20 of—

21 “(1) the need and the ability of a State edu-
 22 cational agency to reduce the class size of an ele-
 23 mentary school or secondary school served by such
 24 agency;

1 “(2) the ability of a State educational agency to
2 furnish the non-Federal share of the costs of the
3 demonstration project for which assistance is sought;

4 “(3) the ability of a State educational agency to
5 continue the project for which assistance is sought
6 after the termination of Federal financial assistance
7 under this subpart; and

8 “(4) the degree to which a State educational
9 agency demonstrates in the application submitted
10 pursuant to section 564 consultation in program im-
11 plementation and design with parents, teachers,
12 school administrators, and local teacher organiza-
13 tions, where applicable.

14 “(d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sub-
15 part, the Secretary shall give priority to demonstration
16 projects that involve at-risk students in the earliest
17 grades, including educationally or economically disadvan-
18 taged students, students with disabilities, and limited
19 English proficient students.

20 “(e) GRANTS MUST SUPPLEMENT OTHER FUNDS.—
21 A State educational agency shall use the Federal funds
22 received under this subpart to supplement and not sup-
23 plant other Federal, State, and local funds available to
24 the State educational agency to carry out the purpose of
25 this subpart.

1 **“SEC. 563. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

2 “(a) ANNUAL COMPETITION.—In each fiscal year,
3 the Secretary shall announce the factors to be examined
4 in a demonstration project assisted under this subpart.
5 Such factors may include—

6 “(1) the magnitude of the reduction in class
7 size to be achieved;

8 “(2) the level of education in which the dem-
9 onstration projects shall occur;

10 “(3) the form of the instructional strategy to be
11 demonstrated; and

12 “(4) the duration of the project.

13 “(b) RANDOM TECHNIQUES AND APPROPRIATE COM-
14 PARISON GROUPS.—Demonstration projects assisted
15 under this subpart shall be designed to utilize randomized
16 techniques or appropriate comparison groups.

17 **“SEC. 564. APPLICATION.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to receive a grant under
19 this subpart, a State educational agency shall submit an
20 application to the Secretary that is responsive to the an-
21 nouncement described in section 563(a), at such time, in
22 such manner, and containing or accompanied by such in-
23 formation as the Secretary may reasonably require.

24 “(b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall encourage
25 State educational agencies to submit applications under
26 this subpart for a period of 5 years.

1 “(c) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted under
2 subsection (a) shall include—

3 “(1) a description of the objectives to be at-
4 tained with the grant funds and the manner in
5 which the grant funds will be used to reduce class
6 size;

7 “(2) a description of the steps to be taken to
8 achieve target class sizes, including, where applica-
9 ble, the acquisition of additional teaching personnel
10 and classroom space;

11 “(3) a statement of the methods for the collec-
12 tion of data necessary for the evaluation of the im-
13 pact of class size reduction programs on student
14 achievement;

15 “(4) an assurance that the State educational
16 agency will pay, from non-Federal sources, the non-
17 Federal share of the costs of the demonstration
18 project for which assistance is sought; and

19 “(5) such additional assurances as the Sec-
20 retary may reasonably require.

21 “(d) SUFFICIENT SIZE AND SCOPE REQUIRED.—The
22 Secretary shall award grants under this subpart only to
23 State educational agencies submitting applications which
24 described projects of sufficient size and scope to contribute
25 to carrying out the purpose of this subpart.

1 **“SEC. 565. EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION.**

2 “(a) NATIONAL EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall
3 conduct a national evaluation of the demonstration
4 projects assisted under this subpart to determine the costs
5 incurred in achieving the reduction in class size and the
6 effects of the reductions on results, such as student per-
7 formance in the affected subjects or grades, attendance,
8 discipline, classroom organization, management, and
9 teacher satisfaction and retention.

10 “(b) COOPERATION.—Each State educational agency
11 receiving a grant under this subpart shall cooperate in the
12 national evaluation described in subsection (a) and shall
13 provide such information to the Secretary as the Secretary
14 may reasonably require.

15 “(c) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall report to Con-
16 gress on the results of the evaluation conducted under sub-
17 section (a).

18 “(d) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary shall widely
19 disseminate information about the results of the class size
20 demonstration projects assisted under this subpart.

21 **“SEC. 565A. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 ““There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
23 this subpart \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and each
24 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND**
2 **DEVELOPMENT BY NASA RELATING TO AIR-**
3 **CRAFT PERFORMANCE.**

4 The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
5 Space Administration may not carry out research and de-
6 velopment activities relating to the performance of aircraft
7 (including supersonic aircraft and subsonic aircraft) un-
8 less the Administrator receives payment in full for such
9 activities from the private sector.

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