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H. R. 3156

To amend the Technology for Education Act of 1994 to clarify the authority for, and to encourage, the use of Federal funds for incentives for school personnel to participate in professional development relating to the use of technology in education, and in the development of technology applications.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 1999

Mr. HOFFEL (for himself and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Teacher Training in
5 Technology Flexibility Act” (or the “Tech Flex Act”).

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 3113 of the Technology for Education Act
3 of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6813) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through
5 (11) as paragraphs (10) through (12), respectively;
6 and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(9) the term ‘release time and other incen-
10 tives’ means leave from work (consistent with State
11 law and contractual obligations), and other incen-
12 tives (such as providing for a substitute, payment
13 for travel expenses, and stipends), to permit and en-
14 courage teachers and, where appropriate, other ele-
15 mentary and secondary school personnel to partici-
16 pate in—

17 “(A) professional development activities re-
18 lating to the use of technology in education;
19 and

20 “(B) the development, demonstration, and
21 evaluation of applications of technology in ele-
22 mentary and secondary education.”.

23 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL LEADERSHIP.**

24 Section 3122(c) of the Technology for Education Act
25 of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6832(c)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through
2 (16) as paragraphs (9) through (17), respectively;
3 and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(8) enabling local educational agencies to pro-
7 vide release time and other incentives to teachers
8 and other appropriate personnel;”.

9 **SEC. 4. STATE APPLICATIONS.**

10 Section 3133(2)(D) of the Technology for Education
11 Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6843(2)(D)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “library media personnel” and
13 inserting “library media and other appropriate per-
14 sonnel”; and

15 (2) by striking “training;” and inserting “train-
16 ing and providing release time and other incen-
17 tives;”.

18 **SEC. 5. LOCAL USES OF FUNDS.**

19 Section 3134 of the Technology for Education Act
20 of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6844) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
22 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively; and

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

1 “(3) providing release time and other incentives
2 to teachers and other appropriate personnel;”.

3 **SEC. 6. LOCAL APPLICATIONS.**

4 Section 3135(1) of the Technology for Education Act
5 of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6845(1)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
7 through (H) as subparagraphs (G) through (I), re-
8 spectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(F) a description of the release time and
12 other incentives to be provided to teachers and
13 other appropriate personnel;”.

14 **SEC. 7. NATIONAL CHALLENGE GRANTS FOR TECHNOLOGY**
15 **IN EDUCATION.**

16 Section 3136(c)(3) of the Technology for Education
17 Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6846(c)(3)) is amended by strik-
18 ing “center;” and inserting “center through means includ-
19 ing, but not limited to, the provision to local educational
20 agencies of funds to provide release time and other incen-
21 tives;”.

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