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H. R. 4178

To establish a crime prevention and computer education initiative.

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a crime prevention and computer education initiative.

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 “Kids 2000 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress makes the following findings:

7 (1) There is an increasing epidemic of juvenile
8 crime throughout the United States.

1 (2) It is well documented that the majority of
2 juvenile crimes take place during after-school hours.

3 (3) Knowledge of technology is becoming in-
4 creasingly necessary for children in school and out
5 of school.

6 (4) The Boys and Girls Clubs of America have
7 2,300 clubs throughout all 50 States, serving over
8 3,000,000 boys and girls primarily from at-risk com-
9 munities.

10 (5) The Boys and Girls Clubs of America have
11 the physical structures in place for immediate imple-
12 mentation of an after-school technology program.

13 (6) Building technology centers and providing
14 integrated content and full-time staffing at those
15 centers in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America na-
16 tionwide will help foster education, job training, and
17 an alternative to crime for at-risk youth.

18 (7) Partnerships between the public sector and
19 the private sector are an effective way of providing
20 after-school technology programs in the Boys and
21 Girls Clubs of America.

22 (8) PowerUp: Bridging the Digital Divide is an
23 entity comprised of more than a dozen nonprofit or-
24 ganizations, major corporations, and Federal agen-
25 cies that have joined together to launch a major new

1 initiative to help ensure that America’s underserved
2 young people acquire the skills, experiences, and re-
3 sources they need to succeed in the digital age.

4 (9) Bringing PowerUp into the Boys and Girls
5 Clubs of America will be an effective way to ensure
6 that our youth have a safe, crime-free environment
7 in which to learn the technological skills they need
8 to close the divide between young people who have
9 access to computer-based information and tech-
10 nology-related skills and those who do not.

11 **SEC. 3. AFTER-SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY GRANTS TO THE**
12 **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA.**

13 (a) PURPOSES.—The Attorney General shall make
14 grants to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for the
15 purpose of funding effective after-school technology pro-
16 grams, such as PowerUp, in order to provide—

17 (1) constructive technology-focussed activities
18 that are part of a comprehensive program to provide
19 access to technology and technology training to
20 youth during after-school hours, weekends, and
21 school vacations;

22 (2) supervised activities in safe environments
23 for youth; and

24 (3) full-time staffing with teachers, tutors, and
25 other qualified personnel.

1 (b) SUBAWARDS.—The Boys and Girls Clubs of
2 America shall make subawards to local boys and girls
3 clubs authorizing expenditures associated with providing
4 technology programs such as PowerUp, including the hir-
5 ing of teachers and other personnel, procurement of goods
6 and services, including computer equipment, or such other
7 purposes as are approved by the Attorney General.

8 **SEC. 4. APPLICATIONS.**

9 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible to receive
10 a grant under this Act, an applicant for a subaward (speci-
11 fied in section 3(b)) shall submit an application to the
12 Boys and Girls Clubs of America, in such form and con-
13 taining such information as the Attorney General may rea-
14 sonably require.

15 (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each applica-
16 tion submitted in accordance with subsection (a) shall
17 include—

18 (1) a request for a subgrant to be used for the
19 purposes of this Act;

20 (2) a description of the communities to be
21 served by the grant, including the nature of juvenile
22 crime, violence, and drug use in the communities;

23 (3) written assurances that Federal funds re-
24 ceived under this Act will be used to supplement and

1 not supplant, non-Federal funds that would other-
2 wise be available for activities funded under this Act;

3 (4) written assurances that all activities funded
4 under this Act will be supervised by qualified adults;

5 (5) a plan for assuring that program activities
6 will take place in a secure environment that is free
7 of crime and drugs;

8 (6) a plan outlining the utilization of content-
9 based programs such as PowerUp, and the provision
10 of trained adult personnel to supervise the after-
11 school technology training; and

12 (7) any additional statistical or financial infor-
13 mation that the Boys and Girls Clubs of America
14 may reasonably require.

15 **SEC. 5. GRANT AWARDS.**

16 In awarding subgrants under this Act, the Boys and
17 Girls Clubs of America shall consider—

18 (1) the ability of the applicant to provide the
19 intended services;

20 (2) the history and establishment of the appli-
21 cant in providing youth activities; and

22 (3) the extent to which services will be provided
23 in crime-prone areas and technologically underserved
24 populations, and efforts to achieve an equitable geo-
25 graphic distribution of the grant awards.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
3 priated \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2001
4 through 2006 to carry out this Act.

5 (b) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Funds to carry out this Act
6 may be derived from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust
7 Fund.

8 (c) CONTINUED AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made
9 available under this section shall remain available until ex-
10 pended.

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