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S. 1188

To provide grants to State educational agencies and local educational agencies for the provision of classroom-related technology training for elementary and secondary school teachers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 Technology
5 Training Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Between 1994 and 2005, more than
2 1,000,000 new computer scientists and engineers,
3 system analysts, and computer programmers will be
4 required in the United States.

5 (2) Today's elementary school and secondary
6 school students need effective computer training in
7 schools so that the students can effectively compete
8 in tomorrow's job market.

9 (3) More schools are using computers than ever
10 before creating a greater need for teachers to utilize
11 computer equipment effectively in a classroom set-
12 ting.

13 (4) In just 3 years, the percentage of public
14 schools with Internet access increased from 35 per-
15 cent in the fall of 1994 to 78 percent in the fall of
16 1997, with 98 percent of all schools owning com-
17 puters.

18 (5) The need for teachers who have knowledge
19 and mastery of computer skills in the classroom is
20 great.

21 (6) Schools need increased funding to serve the
22 computer and technology needs of their rapidly
23 growing student populations.

24 (7) Only 20 percent of elementary school and
25 secondary school teachers feel qualified in using

1 computers and related technology, according to the
2 Department of Education.

3 **SEC. 3 DEFINITIONS.**

4 The terms used in this Act have the meanings given
5 the terms in section 14101 of the Elementary and Sec-
6 ondary Education Act of 1965.

7 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to
9 award grants to State educational agencies to enable the
10 State educational agencies to award grants to local edu-
11 cational agencies for the provision of classroom-related
12 technology training for licensed or certified elementary
13 school or secondary school teachers.

14 (b) NEED BASIS.—Each State educational agency
15 that receives a grant under this Act shall use the grant
16 funds to award grants to local educational agencies in the
17 State on the basis of the local educational agencies' dem-
18 onstrated need for strengthening teacher training in the
19 use of technology in instruction.

20 (c) DURATION.—A grant made under this Act shall
21 be awarded for a period not to exceed 5 years.

22 **SEC. 5. GRANT AWARD.**

23 (a) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant
24 under this Act—

1 (1) a State educational agency shall submit an
2 application to the Secretary at such time and in
3 such form as the Secretary may require; and

4 (2) a local educational agency shall submit an
5 application to the State educational agency at such
6 time and in such form as the State educational
7 agency may require.

8 (b) NUMBER.—The State educational agency shall
9 award not less than one grant under this Act to a local
10 educational agency in the State that meets criteria for the
11 grant award that are established by the Secretary. If the
12 amount appropriated under section 8 for a fiscal year is
13 \$50,000,000 or greater, then the Secretary shall award
14 1 grant to each State educational agency serving 1 of the
15 50 States of the United States.

16 **SEC. 6. USES OF FUNDS.**

17 A local educational agency that receives a grant
18 under this Act may use the grant funds to strengthen in-
19 struction and learning, provide professional development,
20 and pay the costs of training, related to the use of tech-
21 nologies in instruction. A local educational agency that re-
22 ceives a grant under this Act may use the grant funds
23 to provide training by local educational agency personnel
24 on school premises.

1 **SEC. 7. EVALUATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
3 Secretary first awards grants under this Act, the Sec-
4 retary shall evaluate the technology training programs for
5 teachers developed by local educational agencies under this
6 Act.

7 (b) DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS.—The Secretary
8 shall collect information related to the evaluation and
9 make available to the public upon request the results of
10 the evaluation.

11 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary may
12 use not more than 2 percent of the total amount appro-
13 priated under section 8 for fiscal year 2000 to conduct
14 the evaluation under subsection (a).

15 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
17 this Act \$500,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000,
18 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

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