

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1119

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2001

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii 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 Sabbatical
5 Leave Grants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE USE OF SABBATICAL**
2 **LEAVE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title II of the Elemen-
4 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 2212. GRANTS FOR SALARY DURING SABBATICAL**
7 **LEAVE.**

8 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may
9 make grants to State educational agencies and local edu-
10 cational agencies to pay such agencies for one-half of the
11 amount of the salary that otherwise would be earned by
12 an eligible teacher described in subsection (b), if, in lieu
13 of fulfilling the teacher’s ordinary teaching assignment,
14 the teacher completes a course of study described in sub-
15 section (c) during a sabbatical term described in sub-
16 section (d).

17 “(b) ELIGIBLE TEACHERS.—An eligible teacher de-
18 scribed in this subsection is a teacher who—

19 “(1) is employed by an agency receiving a grant
20 under this section to provide classroom instruction
21 to children at an elementary or secondary school
22 that provides free public education;

23 “(2) has secured from such agency, and any
24 other person or agency whose approval is required
25 under State law, approval to take sabbatical leave
26 for a sabbatical term described in subsection (d);

1 “(3) has submitted to the agency an application
2 for a subgrant at such time, in such manner, and
3 containing such information as the agency may re-
4 quire, including—

5 “(A) written proof—

6 “(i) of the approval described in para-
7 graph (2); and

8 “(ii) of the teacher’s having been ac-
9 cepted for enrollment in a course of study
10 described in subsection (c); and

11 “(B) assurances that the teacher—

12 “(i) will notify the agency in writing
13 within a reasonable time if the teacher ter-
14 minates enrollment in the course of study
15 described in subsection (c) for any reason;

16 “(ii) in the discretion of the agency,
17 will reimburse to the agency some or all of
18 the amount of the subgrant if the teacher
19 fails to complete the course of study; and

20 “(iii) otherwise will provide the agency
21 with proof of having completed such course
22 of study not later than 60 days after such
23 completion; and

1 “(4) has been selected by the agency to re-
2 ceive a subgrant based on the agency’s plan for
3 meeting its classroom needs.

4 “(c) COURSE OF STUDY.—A course of study de-
5 scribed in this subsection is a course of study at an institu-
6 tion of higher education that—

7 “(1) requires not less than one academic semes-
8 ter and not more than one academic year to com-
9 plete;

10 “(2) is open for enrollment for professional de-
11 velopment purposes to an eligible teacher described
12 in subsection (b); and

13 “(3) is designed to improve the classroom
14 teaching of such teachers through academic and
15 child development studies.

16 “(d) SABBATICAL TERM.—A sabbatical term de-
17 scribed in this subsection is a leave of absence from teach-
18 ing duties granted to an eligible teacher for not less than
19 one academic semester and not more than one academic
20 year, during which period the teacher receives—

21 “(1) one-half of the amount of the salary that
22 otherwise would be earned by the teacher, if the
23 teacher had not been granted a leave of absence,
24 from State or local funds made available by a State

1 educational agency or a local educational agency;
2 and

3 “(2) one-half of such amount from Federal
4 funds received by such agency through a grant
5 under this section.

6 “(e) PAYMENTS.—

7 “(1) TO ELIGIBLE TEACHERS.—In making a
8 subgrant to an eligible teacher under this section, a
9 State educational agency or a local educational agen-
10 cy shall agree to pay the teacher, for tax and admin-
11 istrative purposes, as if the teacher’s regular em-
12 ployment and teaching duties had not been sus-
13 pended.

14 “(2) REPAYMENT OF SECRETARY.—A State
15 educational agency or a local educational agency re-
16 ceiving a grant under this section shall agree to pay
17 over to the Secretary the Federal share of any
18 amount recovered by the agency pursuant to sub-
19 section (b)(3)(B)(ii).

20 “(f) FUNDING.—For the purpose of carrying out this
21 section, there are authorized to be appropriated
22 \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may
23 be necessary for fiscal years 2003 through 2006. Such
24 sums shall be in addition to the amount authorized to be
25 appropriated to carry out this part under section 2003.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect beginning with fiscal year
3 2002.

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