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# H. R. 341

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize school construction funds for local educational agencies that have made improvements in teacher quality and student achievement.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2001

Mr. FORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize school construction funds for local educational agencies that have made improvements in teacher quality and student achievement.

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. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR CERTAIN**

4                   **LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.**

5       Title XII of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-

6       cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8501 et seq.) is amended—

7                   (1) by inserting after the title heading the fol-

8       lowing:

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6     **PART B—SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR**  
7     **LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES THAT HAVE**  
8     **MADE IMPROVEMENTS IN TEACHER QUAL-**  
9     **ITY AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

10 "SEC. 12020. PURPOSE.

11        “The purpose of the part is to award grants for  
12 school construction to local educational agencies that have  
13 taken steps to improve teacher quality and raise student  
14 achievement.

**15. "SEC. 12021. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

16        “The Secretary is authorized to award grants to local  
17 educational agencies that satisfy the conditions in section  
18 12022 to enable such agencies to carry out school con-  
19 struction.

## 20 "SEC. 12022. CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING FUNDS.

21        "(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to receive a grant under  
22 this part, a local educational agency shall have submitted  
23 to the Secretary (at such time and in such manner as the  
24 Secretary may require) an application establishing the fol-  
25 lowing:

1           “(1) The percentage of children eligible for free  
2        and reduced priced lunches under the National  
3        School Lunch Act under the jurisdiction of the agen-  
4        cy equals or exceeds 65 percent.

5           “(2) It has taken significant steps to ensure  
6        that all students are taught by fully qualified teach-  
7        ers.

8           “(3) It does not use teachers certified on an  
9        emergency basis.

10          “(4) It does not use social promotion.

11          “(5) All students in grades kindergarten  
12        through grade 12 under its jurisdiction are subject  
13        to State achievement standards in the core cur-  
14        riculum at key transition points, as determined by  
15        the State.

16          “(6) It uses tests and other indicators, such as  
17        grades and teacher evaluations, to assess student  
18        performance in meeting the State achievement  
19        standards, which tests are valid for the purpose of  
20        such assessment.

21          “(b) PLAN.—In order to receive a grant under this  
22        part, a local educational agency shall include in the appli-  
23        cation submitted under subsection (a)—

24          “(1) a plan for ensuring that all students are  
25        taught by fully qualified teachers; and

1           “(2) an assurance that the agency will provide  
2           annual reports to the Secretary quantifying progress  
3           toward achieving that end.

4   **“SEC. 12023. DEFINITIONS.**

5           “For purposes of this part:

6           “(1) CONSTRUCTION.—The term ‘construction’  
7           means—

8           “(A) preparation of drawings and speci-  
9           fications for school facilities;

10           “(B) building new school facilities, or ac-  
11           quiring, remodeling, demolishing, renovating,  
12           improving, or repairing facilities; or

13           “(C) inspection of work described in sub-  
14           paragraph (B).

15           “(2) FULLY QUALIFIED TEACHER.—The term  
16           ‘fully qualified teacher’ means—

17           “(A) when used with respect to a public el-  
18           ementary or secondary school teacher means  
19           that the teacher holds a valid State teaching  
20           certificate or license for the grade level at which  
21           he or she provides instruction; and

22           “(B) when used with respect to—

23           “(i) an elementary school teacher,  
24           means that the teacher holds at least a  
25           bachelor’s degree and has demonstrated

1 the knowledge and teaching skills needed  
2 to teach effectively in the areas of reading  
3 writing, mathematics, science and other  
4 areas of the elementary school curriculum;  
5 or

19                   “(3) SCHOOL FACILITY.—The term ‘school fa-  
20                   cility’ means a public structure suitable for use as  
21                   a classroom, laboratory, library, media center, or re-  
22                   lated facility the primary purpose of which is the in-  
23                   struction of public elementary school or secondary  
24                   school students.

1 **“SEC. 12024. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2        “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3 this part \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and each  
4 of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

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