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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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:

1 **“PART A—EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF**
2 **1994”;**

3 (2) by striking “title” each place such term ap-
4 pears and inserting “part”; and

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

6 “(ii) a middle or secondary school
7 teacher, means that the teacher holds at
8 least a bachelors degree and has dem-
9 onstrated proficiency in all subject areas in
10 which he or she provides instruction
11 through—

12 “(I) a high level of performance
13 on a rigorous and formal State assess-
14 ment of content area knowledge; or

15 “(II) completion of at least an
16 undergraduate major in each of the
17 academic subject areas in which he or
18 she provides instruction.

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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