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H. R. 4045

To authorize the Secretary of Education to carry out a pilot program to promote the preservation of historic school structures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL 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 “Historic Schools Pres-
5 ervation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HISTORIC SCHOOL STRUCTURE PRESERVATION**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this section,
9 the Secretary may make grants to not more than 10

1 States to promote the preservation of historic school struc-
2 tures.

3 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
5 graph (3), each State receiving a grant under this
6 section shall use the proceeds of such grant to make
7 grants to eligible entities for—

8 (A) conducting independent assessments of
9 the cost of renovating historic school structures;
10 or

11 (B) evaluating whether to renovate historic
12 school structures rather than build new school
13 structures.

14 (2) ENTITIES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE GRANTS.—
15 Each of the following entities shall be eligible to re-
16 ceive a grant made by a State under paragraph (1):

17 (A) A local educational agency.

18 (B) A consortium of local educational
19 agencies.

20 (C) A partnership between a local edu-
21 cational agency, or a consortium of such agen-
22 cies, and any number of public or private non-
23 profit organizations or local businesses.

24 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A State receiving
25 a grant under this section may use not more than

1 5 percent of the proceeds of such grant for adminis-
2 trative costs.

3 (c) SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS.—In evaluating a
4 State’s application for a grant under this section, the Sec-
5 retary shall consider—

6 (1) the number of communities and historic
7 school structures in the State that could benefit
8 from the grant;

9 (2) the age, condition, and historic value of
10 such schools; and

11 (3) the quality of eligible entities to whom the
12 State could make grants in accordance with sub-
13 section (b)(1).

14 (d) UNUSED FUNDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receipt of
16 a grant under this section, the Secretary shall re-
17 quire the State receiving such grant to return to the
18 Secretary any proceeds of the grant that the State
19 fails to use in accordance with subsection (b) before
20 the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in
21 which the State receives the grant from the Sec-
22 retary.

23 (2) DEPOSIT.—The Secretary shall deposit any
24 funds returned under paragraph (1) into the general
25 fund of the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

1 (e) REPORT.—For each fiscal year for which a State
2 receives a grant under this section, the Secretary shall re-
3 quire the State to transmit to the Secretary a report
4 describing—

5 (1) how the proceeds of the grant were used;
6 and

7 (2) the recipients of the grants made by the
8 State as required under subsection (b)(1).

9 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
10 nitions apply:

11 (1) HISTORIC SCHOOL STRUCTURE.—The term
12 “historic school structure” means any school build-
13 ing or facility that—

14 (A) is listed on the National Register of
15 Historic Places authorized under section 101 of
16 the National Historic Preservation Act (16
17 U.S.C. 470a); or

18 (B) is eligible to be listed on such National
19 Register, as determined by the State historic
20 preservation officer of the State in which the
21 school is located.

22 (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
23 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
24 that term in section 9101 of the Elementary and
25 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

1 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Education.

3 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and such sums as may
6 be necessary for each fiscal year thereafter.

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