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H. R. 4350

To provide for grants from the Secretary of Energy to State and local educational agencies for EnergySmart schools and Energy Star programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Mr. HOLT 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 “School Building En-
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 The Secretary of Energy may provide grants—

8 (1) to State educational agencies and local edu-
9 cational agencies for providing intensive technical as-
10 sistance for, and assisting the implementation of, the

1 EnergySmart Schools Program of the Department
2 of Energy and the Energy Star for K–12 School
3 Districts program of the Environmental Protection
4 Agency; and

5 (2) to State educational agencies for use in the
6 development of State-level school energy efficiency
7 quality plans, in partnership with the Department of
8 Energy, including—

9 (A) standards for school building design,
10 construction, and renovation; and

11 (B) proposals for the systematic improve-
12 ment (including benchmarks and timelines) of
13 environmental conditions in and around schools
14 throughout the State, including—

15 (i) environmentally preferable pur-
16 chasing of products for instruction and
17 maintenance;

18 (ii) increasing the use of alternative
19 energy fuels in school buses; and

20 (iii) maximization of transportation
21 choices for students, staff, and other mem-
22 bers of the community.

1 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL SHARE.**

2 The Federal share of the cost of a project or activity
3 carried out using funds from a grant under this Act shall
4 not exceed 90 percent.

5 **SEC. 4. GRANT PRIORITY.**

6 In providing grants under section 2(1), the Secretary
7 of Energy shall give priority to projects to provide assist-
8 ance to school districts that have a demonstrated need for
9 energy efficiency improvement.

10 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

11 For purposes of this Act, the terms “State edu-
12 cational agency” and “local educational agency” have the
13 meanings given those terms in section 9101 of the Ele-
14 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
15 7801).

16 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
18 retary of Energy to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for
19 the period encompassing fiscal years 2006 through 2011.

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