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H. R. 4629

To amend the David L. Boren National Security Education Act of 1991
to create a critical foreign language program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. BORDALLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select) and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Act of 1991 to create a critical foreign language program.

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 “K–16 Critical Foreign
5 Language Pipeline Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRITICAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PRO-**
2 **GRAM UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY EDU-**
3 **CATION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) PROGRAM.—Section 802 of the David L. Boren
5 National Security Education Act of 1991 (50 U.S.C.
6 1902) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
9 “and” at the end;

10 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
11 final period and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraph:

14 “(F) awarding grants to institutions of
15 higher education to carry out activities under
16 the Critical Foreign Language Program de-
17 scribed in subsection (j).”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
19 section:

20 “(j) CRITICAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM.—

21 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
22 provide grants to five institutions of higher edu-
23 cation to establish a program to collaborate with ele-
24 mentary schools and secondary schools for language
25 learning pipelines to train students from kinder-
26 garten through college to be proficient in those for-

1 eign languages that the Secretary identifies as being
2 the most critical in the interests of the national se-
3 curity of the United States.

4 “(2) PROGRAM.—A program established pursu-
5 ant to a grant awarded under paragraph (1) may in-
6 clude—

7 “(A) study or work abroad;

8 “(B) experiential and community learning;

9 “(C) distance learning;

10 “(D) language learning for professional,
11 business, and other disciplines; and

12 “(E) innovative opportunities for language
13 learning through immersion, internships, and
14 community service.

15 “(3) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An appli-
16 cant for a grant under paragraph (1) shall—

17 “(A) demonstrate the ability to collaborate
18 effectively with elementary schools and sec-
19 ondary schools to ensure that students who suc-
20 cessfully achieve an advanced proficiency level
21 at such schools will continue studying a foreign
22 language at an institution for higher education
23 and achieve a superior proficiency level while
24 enrolled in an academic degree program;

1 “(B) demonstrate that the program de-
2 signed by the applicant for such a grant is able
3 to be replicated for use by other institutions of
4 higher education and elementary schools and
5 secondary schools in the United States; and

6 “(C) agree to provide funds for at least 10
7 percent of the cost of such program.

8 “(4) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary
9 of Defense shall award an equal amount of the
10 funds appropriated pursuant to section 811(c) for a
11 fiscal year to each of the institutions of higher edu-
12 cation that are awarded grants pursuant to para-
13 graph (1) for such fiscal year.”.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 811 of the David L. Boren National Security Education
16 Act of 1991 (50 U.S.C. 1911) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
18 section (d); and

19 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(c) FUNDING FOR CRITICAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE
22 PROGRAM.—In addition to amounts that may be made
23 available to the Secretary under the Fund for a fiscal year,
24 there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for
25 each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2006,

- 1 \$5,000,000, to carry out the grant program for the Crit-
- 2 ical Foreign Language Program under section 802(j).”.

