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To authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a program of energy assistance grants to local educational agencies.

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Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 Energy Crisis
5 Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL ENERGY GRANTS.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
8 of Energy shall establish a program to make grants to
9 eligible local educational agencies, from allocations under
10 subsection (c), that have experienced the highest percent-

1 age increase or expenditure increase in transportation and
2 heating fuel costs among all local educational agencies in
3 the State for a specific time period during the 2005–2006
4 school year, in comparison to the same time period during
5 the 2004–2005 school year.

6 (b) ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
8 graph (2), a local educational agency shall be eligible
9 for a grant under this section if the local educational
10 agency is among the top 10 percent of all local edu-
11 cational agencies in its State for numbers or per-
12 centages of children counted under section 1124(c)
13 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
14 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6333(c)).

15 (2) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a State with
16 fewer than 50 school districts, a local educational
17 agency shall be eligible for a grant under this section
18 if the local educational agency is among the highest
19 of all local educational agencies in its State for num-
20 bers or percentages of children counted under sec-
21 tion 1124(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
22 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6333(c)).

23 (c) STATE ALLOCATION.—Each State shall receive,
24 in the aggregate, an amount based on—

1 (1) the population of children between ages 5
2 and 17 of the State according to the most recent
3 Census, in comparison to all other States; and

4 (2) the regional cost of transportation and heat-
5 ing fuel, in comparison with the average national
6 cost, as determined by the most recent statistical
7 data from the Energy Information Administration.

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
10 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
11 that term in section 9101 of the Elementary and
12 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

13 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
14 the several States of the United States and the Dis-
15 trict of Columbia.

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