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# S. 2651

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Simon Wiesenthal Hol-  
5       ocaust Education Assistance Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following  
8       findings:

1           (1) The Holocaust was an historical event that  
2           resulted in the systemic, state-sponsored mass mur-  
3           ders by Nazi Germany of approximately 6,000,000  
4           Jews, along with millions of others, in the name of  
5           racial purity.

6           (2) Six States (California, Florida, Illinois,  
7           Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York) now  
8           mandate that the Holocaust be taught in the edu-  
9           cational curriculum, 11 States (Connecticut, Geor-  
10          gia, Indiana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Penn-  
11          sylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and  
12          Washington) recommend teaching the Holocaust but  
13          do not provide sufficient funds to assist in the train-  
14          ing and educating of teachers, and 3 States (Ala-  
15          bama, Mississippi, and West Virginia) have estab-  
16          lished councils or commissions that promote Holo-  
17          caust education.

18          (3) The Holocaust is a sensitive and difficult  
19          issue about which to teach, and to do so effectively,  
20          educators need appropriate teaching tools and train-  
21          ing to increase their knowledge to enhance the edu-  
22          cational experience.

23          (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are the fol-  
24          lowing:

25                (1) To educate Americans so that they can—

1 (A) explore the lessons that the Holocaust  
2 provides for all people; and

3 (B) be less susceptible to the falsehood of  
4 Holocaust denial and to the destructive mes-  
5 sages of hate that arise from Holocaust denial.

6 (2) To provide resources and support for edu-  
7 cation programs that—

8 (A) portray accurate historical information  
9 about the Holocaust;

10 (B) sensitize communities to the cir-  
11 cumstances that gave rise to the Holocaust;

12 (C) convey the lessons that the Holocaust  
13 provides for all people; and

14 (D) by developing curriculum guides and  
15 providing training, help teachers incorporate  
16 into their mainstream disciplines the study of  
17 the Holocaust and its lessons.

18 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**

19 From any amounts made available to carry out this  
20 Act, the Secretary may make grants under this Act to edu-  
21 cational organizations to carry out proposed or existing  
22 Holocaust education programs.

23 **SEC. 4. USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—An educational organization re-  
25 ceiving grant amounts under this Act shall use such grant

1 amounts only to carry out the Holocaust education pro-  
2 gram for which the grant amounts were provided.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—An educational organization  
4 receiving grant amounts under this Act shall comply with  
5 the following requirements:

6 (1) CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—The edu-  
7 cational organization shall, throughout the period  
8 that the educational organization receives and uses  
9 such grant amounts, continue to be an educational  
10 organization.

11 (2) SUPPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING FUNDS.—  
12 The educational organization shall ensure that such  
13 grant amounts are used to supplement, and not sup-  
14 plant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be  
15 available to the educational organization to carry out  
16 the Holocaust education program for which the  
17 grant amounts were provided.

18 (c) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may  
19 require additional terms and conditions in connection with  
20 the use of grant amounts provided under this Act as the  
21 Secretary considers appropriate.

22 **SEC. 5. SELECTION CRITERIA.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grant  
24 amounts under this Act in accordance with competitive  
25 criteria to be established by the Secretary.

1       (b) CONSULTATION WITH HOLOCAUST EDU-  
2 CATORS.—In establishing the competitive criteria under  
3 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with a variety  
4 of individuals, to be determined by the Secretary, who are  
5 prominent educators in the field of Holocaust education.

6 **SEC. 6. APPLICATION.**

7       The Secretary may award grant amounts under this  
8 Act only to an educational organization that has submitted  
9 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-  
10 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may  
11 require.

12 **SEC. 7. REVIEW AND SANCTIONS.**

13       (a) ANNUAL REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review at  
14 least annually each educational organization receiving  
15 grant amounts under this Act to determine the extent to  
16 which the educational organization has complied with the  
17 provisions of this Act.

18       (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The Secretary may  
19 impose sanctions on an educational organization for any  
20 failure of the educational organization to comply substan-  
21 tially with the provisions of this Act. The Secretary shall  
22 establish the sanctions to be imposed for a failure to com-  
23 ply substantially with the provisions of this Act.

1 **SEC. 8. ANNUAL REPORT.**

2 Not later than February 1 of each year, the Secretary  
3 shall submit to the Senate and House of Representatives  
4 a report describing the activities carried out under this  
5 Act and containing any related information that the Sec-  
6 retary considers appropriate.

7 **SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.**

8 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions  
9 shall apply:

10 (1) **EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION.**—The term  
11 “educational organization” means an entity—

12 (A) described in section 501(c)(3) of the  
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

14 (B) exempt from tax under section 501(a)  
15 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

16 (C) organized and operated for cultural,  
17 literary, or educational purposes.

18 (2) **HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROGRAM.**—The  
19 term “Holocaust education program” means a pro-  
20 gram that—

21 (A) has as its specific and primary purpose  
22 to improve awareness and understanding of the  
23 Holocaust; and

24 (B) to achieve such purpose, furnishes one  
25 or more of the following:

26 (i) Classes, seminars, or conferences.

1 (ii) Educational materials.

2 (iii) Teacher training.

3 (iv) Any other good or service de-  
4 signed to improve awareness and under-  
5 standing of the Holocaust.

6 (3) HOLOCAUST.—The term “Holocaust”  
7 means the historical event that resulted in the sys-  
8 temic, state-sponsored mass murders by Nazi Ger-  
9 many of approximately 6,000,000 Jews, along with  
10 millions of others, in the name of racial purity.

11 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
12 the Secretary of Education.

13 **SEC. 10. REGULATIONS.**

14 The Secretary shall issue any regulations necessary  
15 to carry out this Act.

16 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 For grants under this Act, there is authorized to be  
18 appropriated to the Secretary \$2,000,000 each fiscal year  
19 for five fiscal years, beginning with the first fiscal year  
20 to commence after the date of enactment of this Act, to  
21 remain available until expended.

