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To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes.

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Mr. NELSON of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes.

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 “Full-Service Commu-
5 nity Schools Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are the following:

8 (1) Providing support for the planning, imple-
9 mentation, and operation of full-service community
10 schools.

6 (4) Ensuring that children come to school ready
7 to learn every day.

10 (6) Enabling more efficient use of Federal,
11 State, local, and private sector resources that serve
12 children and families.

17 (8) Engaging students as resources to their
18 communities.

19 SEC. 3. FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL.

20 In this Act, the term “full-service community school”
21 means a public elementary school or secondary school
22 that—

23 (1) participates in a community-based effort to
24 coordinate educational, developmental, family,
25 health, and other comprehensive services through

1 community-based organizations and public and pri-
2 vate partnerships; and
3 (2) provides access to such services to students,
4 families, and the community.

5 **SEC. 4. LOCAL PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Education (in this
7 Act referred to as the “Secretary”) may award grants to
8 eligible entities to assist public elementary schools or sec-
9 ondary schools to function as full-service community
10 schools.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity that desires to
12 receive a grant under this section shall submit an applica-
13 tion to the Secretary at such time and in such manner
14 as the Secretary may require. The Secretary shall require
15 that each such application include the following:

16 (1) A description of the eligible entity.
17 (2) A list of partner entities that will assist the
18 eligible entity to coordinate or provide qualified serv-
19 ices.

20 (3) A memorandum of understanding between
21 the eligible entity and all partner entities describing
22 the role the partner entities will assume.

23 (4) A description of the capacity of the eligible
24 entity to provide and coordinate qualified services at
25 a full-service community school.

9 (B) Qualified services to be provided or co-
10 ordinated by the eligible entity and its partner
11 entities.

12 (C) Planning, coordination, management,
13 and oversight of qualified services at each
14 school to be served, including the role of the
15 school principal, the full-service community
16 school coordinator, partner entities, parents,
17 and members of the community.

23 (E) Plans for professional development for
24 personnel managing, or coordinating or deliv-

3 (F) Plans for joint utilization and mainte-
4 nance of school facilities by the eligible entity
5 and its partner entities.

6 (6) Identification of principles of effectiveness
7 that are based on—

13 (B) an established set of performance
14 measures aimed at ensuring the availability and
15 effectiveness of high-quality qualified services;
16 and

22 (7) A strategy for developing a plan for sustain-
23 ability.

1 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
2 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
3 that—

4 (1) will serve not less than 1 school eligible for
5 a schoolwide program under section 1114 of the Ele-
6 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
7 U.S.C. 6314);

8 (2) demonstrate a record of effectiveness in co-
9 ordinating multiple qualified services; and

10 (3) will serve more than 1 full-service commu-
11 nity school as part of a community- or district-wide
12 strategy.

13 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-
14 tion shall be used to coordinate or provide not less than
15 3 qualified services at 1 or more public elementary schools
16 or secondary schools.

17 (e) GRANT PERIOD.—Each grant awarded under this
18 section shall be for a period of 5 years.

19 (f) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary may not
20 award a grant to an eligible entity under this section in
21 an amount that is less than \$75,000 for each year of the
22 5-year grant period.

23 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
25 ty” means a consortium composed of a local edu-

1 cational agency and 1 or more community-based or-
2 ganizations, nonprofit organizations, or other public
3 or private entities.

4 (2) **QUALIFIED SERVICES.**—The term “qualified
5 services” means any of the following:

6 (A) Early childhood education.

7 (B) Remedial education activities and aca-
8 demic enrichment activities.

9 (C) Programs under the Head Start Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), including Early Head
11 Start programs carried out under section 645A
12 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9840a).

13 (D) Programs that promote parental in-
14 volvement and family literacy, including the
15 Reading First, Early Reading First, and Wil-
16 liam F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy
17 programs authorized under part B of title I of
18 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
19 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6361 et seq.).

20 (E) Mentoring and other youth develop-
21 ment programs.

22 (F) Parent leadership development activi-
23 ties.

24 (G) Parenting education activities.

25 (H) Child care services.

(I) Community service and service learning opportunities.

3 (J) Programs that provide assistance to
4 students who have been truant, suspended, or
5 expelled.

(K) Job training and career counseling services.

8 (L) Nutrition services.

9 (M) Primary health and dental care.

10 (N) Mental health counseling services.

11 (O) Adult education, including instruction
12 in English as a second language.

13 (P) Other services consistent with this Act.

14 SEC. 5. STATE PROGRAMS.

15 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary may award grants to
16 State collaboratives to support the development of full-
17 service community school programs in accordance with
18 this section.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—A State collaborative that desires
20 to receive a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
21 cation to the Secretary at such time and in such manner
22 as the Secretary may require. The Secretary shall require
23 that each such application include the following:

4 (2) A description of the expertise of each mem-
5 ber of the State collaborative—

6 (A) in coordinating Federal and State pro-
7 grams across multiple agencies; and

21 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-
22 tion shall be used only for the following:

23 (1) Planning, coordinating, and expanding the
24 development of full-service community schools in the
25 State.

10 (d) GRANT PERIOD.—Each grant awarded under this
11 section shall be for a period of 5 years.

12 (e) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary may not
13 award a grant to a State collaborative under this section
14 in an amount that is less than \$500,000 for each year
15 of the 5-year grant period.

16 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 mental agencies or nonprofit organizations that pro-
2 vide services to children and families.

3 **SEC. 6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advi-
5 sory committee to be known as the “Full-Service Commu-
6 nity Schools Advisory Committee” (in this section referred
7 to as the “Advisory Committee”).

8 (b) DUTIES.—Subject to subsection (c), the Advisory
9 Committee shall—

10 (1) consult with the Secretary on the develop-
11 ment and implementation of programs under this
12 Act;

13 (2) identify strategies to improve the coordina-
14 tion of Federal programs in support of full-service
15 community schools; and

16 (3) issue an annual report to Congress on ef-
17 forts under this Act, including a description of—

18 (A) the results of local and national eval-
19 uation of such efforts; and

20 (B) the scope of services being coordinated
21 under this Act.

22 (c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out its duties under
23 this section, the Advisory Committee shall consult annu-
24 ally with eligible entities awarded grants under section 4,
25 State collaboratives awarded grants under section 5, and

1 other entities with expertise in operating full-service com-
2 munity schools.

3 (d) MEMBERS.—The Advisory Committee shall con-
4 sist of 4 members as follows:

5 (1) The Attorney General of the United States
6 (or the Attorney General's delegate).

7 (2) The Secretary of Agriculture (or the Sec-
8 retary's delegate).

9 (3) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
10 ices (or the Secretary's delegate).

11 (4) The Secretary of Labor (or the Secretary's
12 delegate).

13 **SEC. 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

14 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, di-
15 rectly or through grants, shall provide such technical as-
16 sistance as may be appropriate to accomplish the purposes
17 of this Act.

18 (b) EVALUATIONS BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary
19 shall conduct evaluations on the effectiveness of grants
20 under sections 4 and 5 in achieving the purposes of this
21 Act.

22 (c) EVALUATIONS BY GRANTEES.—The Secretary
23 shall require each recipient of a grant under this Act—

10 (d) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made
11 available to a grantee under this Act may be used only
12 to supplement, and not supplant, any other Federal, State,
13 or local funds that would otherwise be available to carry
14 out the activities assisted under this Act.

15 (e) MATCHING FUNDS.—

20 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF MATCH.—

1 (i) the relative poverty of the popu-
2 lation to be targeted by the grantee; and
3 (ii) the ability of the grantee to obtain
4 such matching funds.

5 (B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary
6 may not require any grantee under this Act to
7 provide matching funds in an amount that ex-
8 ceeds the amount of the grant award.

12 (4) CONSIDERATION.—Notwithstanding this
13 subsection, the Secretary shall not consider an appli-
14 cant's ability to match funds when determining
15 which applicants will receive grants under this Act.

16 SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
18 priated to carry out this Act \$200,000,000 for fiscal year
19 2006 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
20 years 2007 through 2010.

21 (b) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appropriated to
22 carry out this Act for each fiscal year—

23 (1) 75 percent shall be for section 4;
24 (2) 20 percent shall be for section 5;

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