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H. R. 1409

To establish a demonstration incentive program within the Department of Education to promote installation of fire alarm detection systems, or other fire prevention technologies, in qualified student housing, dormitories, and other university buildings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSSELLA (for himself, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ARCURI, and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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; FINDINGS.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “College Life Safety
5 and Fire Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIFE SAFETY AND FIRE PRE-**
2 **VENTION DEMONSTRATION INCENTIVE PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act:

5 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Education.

7 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
8 ty” means any of the following:

9 (A) An accredited historically Black college
10 or university (as that term is used in section
11 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
12 U.S.C. 1061)).

13 (B) An accredited Hispanic-serving institu-
14 tion (as that term is defined in section 502 of
15 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 1101a)).

17 (C) An accredited tribally controlled college
18 or university (as that term is defined in section
19 2 of the Tribally Controlled College or Univer-
20 sity Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801)).

21 (D) Any other institution of higher edu-
22 cation (as that term is defined in section 101
23 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
24 U.S.C. 1001)).

25 (E) A social fraternity or sorority exempt
26 from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-

1 nal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(a)),
2 the active membership of which consists pri-
3 marily of students in attendance at such an in-
4 stitution of higher education.

5 (3) FIRE ALARM DETECTION SYSTEM.—The
6 term “fire alarm detection system or other fire de-
7 tection and prevention technologies” means a sys-
8 tem, or portion of a combination of systems, that
9 contains components and circuits arranged to mon-
10 itor and annunciate the status of fire alarm or su-
11 pervisory signal initiating devices, and includes
12 smoke detectors, manual pull stations, sprinkler and
13 suppression systems, extinguishing systems, and
14 other fire prevention technologies, to initiate the ap-
15 propriate response to those signals for fire preven-
16 tion and fire safety purposes.

17 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall establish a dem-
18 onstration program to award grants on a competitive basis
19 to eligible entities for the purpose of contracting with fire
20 alarm companies to professionally install fire alarm detec-
21 tion systems or other fire detection and prevention tech-
22 nologies in student housing, dormitories, and other build-
23 ings controlled by such entities.

1 (c) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In making grants under
2 subsection (b), the Secretary shall give priority to eligible
3 entities that demonstrate the greatest financial need.

4 (d) RESERVATIONS.—Of the amount made available
5 to the Secretary for grants under this section for each fis-
6 cal year, the Secretary shall award—

7 (1) not less than 10 percent to eligible entities
8 that are historically Black colleges and universities,
9 Hispanic-serving institutions, and tribally controlled
10 colleges and universities (as described in subpara-
11 graphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (a)(2)); and

12 (2) not less than 10 percent to eligible entities
13 that are social fraternities and sororities.

14 (e) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under this sec-
15 tion, an eligible entity shall submit an application to the
16 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied
17 by such information as the Secretary may require.

18 (f) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—As a condition of re-
19 ceipt of a grant under subsection (b), the applicant shall
20 provide (directly or through donations from public or pri-
21 vate entities) non-Federal matching funds in an amount
22 equal to not less than the amount of the grant.

23 (g) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—
24 Not more than 10 percent of a grant made under sub-

1 section (b) may be expended for administrative expenses
2 with respect to the grant.

3 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
5 \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through
6 2010.

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