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H. R. 4310

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. BACA 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.**

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 that have experienced
10 the highest percentage increase or expenditure increase in

1 transportation and heating fuel costs (including costs in-
2 curred by eligible local educational agencies or by entities
3 under contract to provide transportation to such entities)
4 among all local educational agencies in the State for a spe-
5 cific time period during the current school year, in com-
6 parison to the same time period during the prior school
7 year.

8 (b) ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), a local educational agency shall be eligible
11 for a grant under this section if it is among the top
12 10 percent of all local educational agencies in its
13 State for numbers or percentages of children count-
14 ed under section 1124(c) of the Elementary and
15 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 6333(e)).

17 (2) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a State with
18 fewer than 50 school districts, a local educational
19 agency shall be eligible for a grant under this section
20 if it is among the highest among all local educational
21 agencies in its State for numbers or percentages of
22 children counted under section 1124(c) of the Ele-
23 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
24 U.S.C. 6333(e)).

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

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

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

10 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts provided under this
11 section to eligible local educational agencies may be used
12 to pay for the cost of transportation or heating fuel pur-
13 chased by the eligible local educational agencies or for
14 transportation fuel purchased by entities under contract
15 to provide transportation services to such agencies.

16 (e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
17 term “local educational agency” has the meaning given
18 that term in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-
19 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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