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H. R. 4352

To provide \$30,000,000 in funding to the Department of Education to provide assistance to public school districts for the prevention of drug resistant infections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

Mr. TOWNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

4 **FOR THE PREVENTION OF DRUG RESISTANT**
5 **INFECTIONS.**

6 (a) APPROPRIATION.—\$30,000,000 is appropriated
7 to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2008 to
8 provide assistance to public school districts in the United

1 States for prevention, outreach, and educational activities
2 related to any qualifying pathogen, to be carried out in
3 kindergarten through twelfth grade public schools in those
4 school districts.

5 (b) QUALIFYING PATHOGEN.—In this section, the
6 term “qualifying pathogen” means—

7 (1) community acquired methicillin-resistant
8 staphylococcus aureus (CA-MRSA); or

9 (2) any life threatening drug resistant bacteria
10 as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and
11 Prevention (CDC).

12 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Education
13 shall dispense funds appropriated under this section for
14 any one or more of the following:

15 (1) To make available to public school districts
16 best evidence behavioral interventions, including
17 interventions that have been rigorously evaluated
18 and have shown significant effects in elimination or
19 reducing high risk behaviors, infections, or increas-
20 ing infectious behaviors. These interventions shall
21 meet generally accepted Federal guidelines and
22 standards and shall educate faculty, staff, adminis-
23 trators, students, and parents of students in kinder-
24 garten through twelfth grade public schools in those
25 school districts about qualifying pathogens.

1 (2) To disseminate to public school districts in-
2 formation regarding any guidelines produced by the
3 CDC addressing qualifying pathogen infections in
4 kindergarten through twelfth grade public schools in
5 those school districts.

6 (3) To make available to public school districts
7 funds for the exclusive purpose of purchasing basic
8 personal hygiene supplies, disinfectant cleaning sup-
9 plies, or other supplies necessary for kindergarten
10 through twelfth grade public schools in those school
11 districts to comply with any guidelines produced by
12 the CDC for the prevention of qualifying pathogen
13 infections in those schools, subject to the following:

14 (A) No funds shall be dispensed under this
15 paragraph unless the Secretary of Education
16 makes an explicit determination that the school
17 district receiving funds under this paragraph is
18 unable to purchase without assistance supplies
19 necessary to comply with any CDC guideline for
20 the prevention of any qualifying pathogen in
21 schools.

22 (B) The Secretary of Education shall not
23 dispend funds under this paragraph in excess
24 of what is required to allow a school district re-
25 ceiving such funds to comply with any CDC

1 guideline for the prevention and treatment of
2 any qualifying pathogen in schools.

3 (d) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary of Education shall
4 develop appropriate guidelines by which a school district
5 may request funds under this section and publish those
6 guidelines both in the Federal Register and on the Depart-
7 ment of Education website.

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