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# S. 2117

To encourage the development of research-proven programs funded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) 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

To encourage the development of research-proven programs funded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

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 “Education Research  
5 & Development To Improve Achievement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. EDUCATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

7 Subpart 1 of part D of title V of the Elementary and  
8 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7243 et  
9 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 5415. STUDIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CORE**  
2 **PROGRAMS.**

3 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to de-  
4 velop replicable, research-proven activities for core title I  
5 programs, including the following programs and areas:

6 “(1) Targeted areas of instruction.

7 “(2) School improvement and restructuring  
8 under section 1116.

9 “(3) Supplemental educational services under  
10 section 1116(e).

11 “(4) Reading First under subpart 1 of part B  
12 of title I.

13 “(5) Other programs as determined by the Sec-  
14 retary to be in need of further development.

15 “(b) AWARDING OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall  
16 award grants to research and development entities to en-  
17 able such entities to carry out the activities described in  
18 this section.

19 “(c) APPLICATION.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A research and develop-  
21 ment entity that desires to receive a grant under  
22 this section shall submit an application to the Sec-  
23 retary at such time, in such manner, and accom-  
24 panied by such information as the Secretary may re-  
25 quire.

1           “(2) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted  
2 under paragraph (1) shall—

3           “(A) demonstrate a record of development  
4 of successful educational programs or conduct  
5 of large-scale, peer-reviewed research, or both,  
6 as appropriate;

7           “(B) establish clear objectives;

8           “(C) establish annual benchmarks for  
9 progress;

10           “(D) describe plans to develop or evaluate  
11 programs likely to enhance student achieve-  
12 ment; and

13           “(E) describe plans to disseminate findings  
14 and products of the research and development.

15           “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A research and development  
16 entity that receives a grant under this section shall use  
17 the grant funds for the following:

18           “(1) Creating and evaluating new approaches in  
19 1 or more of the following areas:

20           “(A) Each of the targeted areas of instruc-  
21 tion under section 1111(b)(1)(C).

22           “(B) School improvement and restruc-  
23 turing under section 1116.

24           “(C) Supplemental educational services  
25 under section 1116(e).

1           “(D) Reading First under subpart 1 of  
2           part B of title I.

3           “(2) Carrying out large-scale randomized eval-  
4           uations of activities that have proven promising in  
5           small-scale evaluations.

6           “(3) Carrying out large-scale randomized eval-  
7           uations of existing programs.

8           “(4) Supporting nonprofit developers of re-  
9           search-proven activities in the creation of capacity  
10          for training, material production, and other needs to  
11          scale up programs rapidly.

12          “(5) Disseminating information about effective  
13          activities and providing incentives for schools to  
14          adopt such activities.

15          “(e) MINIMUM GRANT.—The minimum amount for  
16          each grant awarded under this section shall be \$500,000  
17          annually.

18          “(f) CONTINUATION OF GRANTS.—In determining  
19          whether to continue a grant awarded under this section,  
20          the Secretary shall consider—

21                 “(1) if the grantee was reasonably on track  
22                 with the objectives and benchmarks stated in the ap-  
23                 plication; and

24                 “(2) if the grantee has shown promise in the  
25                 creation and evaluation of an effective program.

1       “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-  
3 tion—

4           “(1) for fiscal year 2008, \$100,000,000 or one  
5 fifth the amount appropriated to carry out this part  
6 for such fiscal year, whichever amount is greater;

7           “(2) for fiscal year 2009, \$110,000,000 or one  
8 fifth the amount appropriated to carry out this part  
9 for such fiscal year, whichever amount is greater;

10          “(3) for fiscal year 2010, \$120,000,000 or one  
11 fifth the amount appropriated to carry out this part  
12 for such fiscal year, whichever amount is greater;

13          “(4) for fiscal year 2011, \$130,000,000 or one  
14 fifth the amount appropriated to carry out this part  
15 for such fiscal year, whichever amount is greater;

16          “(5) for fiscal year 2012, \$140,000,000 or one  
17 fifth the amount appropriated to carry out this part  
18 for such fiscal year, whichever amount is greater;

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20          “(6) for fiscal year 2013, \$150,000,000 or one  
21 fifth the amount appropriated to carry out this part  
22 for such fiscal year, whichever amount is greater.”.

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