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# H. R. 5079

To amend title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a Federal “Grow Your Own Teacher” program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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. GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER PROGRAM.**

4       Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education  
5       Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) is amended by add-  
6       ing at the end the following:

1 **“PART E—GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER PROGRAM**

2 **“SEC. 2501. GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made available to  
 4 carry out this part, the Secretary shall carry out a pro-  
 5 gram to make grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible  
 6 entities, to be used by such entities to train and employ  
 7 eligible individuals in hard-to-staff schools or hard-to-staff  
 8 teaching positions in accordance with subsection (c).

9 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
 11 tity’ means a consortium consisting of—

12 “(A) a local educational agency that is eli-  
 13 gible to receive funds under part A of title I;  
 14 and

15 “(B) an institution of higher education  
 16 that offers a program, accredited by the State,  
 17 for preparing individuals to fulfill all the re-  
 18 quirements for receiving a teaching certificate  
 19 in the State of the local educational agency de-  
 20 scribed in subparagraph (A).

21 “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible  
 22 individual’ means an individual—

23 “(A) who—

24 “(i) received a high school diploma  
 25 from a local educational agency described  
 26 in paragraph (1)(A); and

1 “(ii) is enrolled in a program to re-  
2 ceive a teaching certificate in the State of  
3 the local educational agency at an institu-  
4 tion of higher education described in para-  
5 graph (1)(B); and

6 “(B) is—

7 “(i) a high school graduate who grad-  
8 uated not more than 5 years ago;

9 “(ii) a parent of a current or former  
10 student of the local educational agency  
11 who has a history of working to improve  
12 the local educational agency; or

13 “(iii) an education support profes-  
14 sional in the local educational agency who  
15 works with students in an instructional  
16 role.

17 “(3) VETERAN TEACHER.—The term ‘veteran  
18 teacher’ means a teacher who has taught in the local  
19 educational agency described in paragraph (1)(A)  
20 for a period of least 15 years.

21 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity receiving  
23 a grant under this section shall use such grant funds  
24 to—

1           “(A) conduct a training program for eligi-  
2           ble individuals to be teachers, which shall in-  
3           clude requiring such individuals to observe and  
4           work with a veteran teacher in a classroom for  
5           at least one year;

6           “(B) employ such individuals in hard-to-  
7           staff schools and hard-to-staff teaching posi-  
8           tions in the local educational agency of the eli-  
9           gible entity, with priority given to teaching posi-  
10          tions in mathematics, science, special education,  
11          world languages, and English as a second lan-  
12          guage; and

13          “(C) employ such individuals in a manner  
14          that reduces the divergence between the racial  
15          diversity of teachers and of students.

16          “(2) OTHER AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—An eli-  
17          gible entity receiving a grant under this section may  
18          use any grant funds that remain after carrying out  
19          paragraph (1) for the following activities:

20                 “(A) Helping an eligible individual trained  
21                 under this section to cover the costs of childcare  
22                 and other indirect expenses that are reasonably  
23                 required by the individual to participate in the  
24                 training program.

1           “(B) Recruiting and counseling eligible in-  
2           dividuals, and individuals who are likely to be-  
3           come eligible individuals in the near future  
4           (such as students soon to receive a high school  
5           diploma from a local educational agency de-  
6           scribed in subsection (b)(1)(A)), to participate  
7           in the training program.

8           “(C) Providing space in the community of  
9           the eligible entity to carry out the activities de-  
10          scribed in subparagraph (B).

11          “(D) Offering the training program under  
12          this section in community settings and to pro-  
13          vide tutoring services to supplement the train-  
14          ing.

15          “(E) Carrying out any other activities con-  
16          sistent with the purposes of this section, as de-  
17          termined by the Secretary.

18          “(d) STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.—

19               “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts made  
20           available to carry out this part, the Secretary is au-  
21           thorized to forgive the student loans incurred by an  
22           eligible individual who has completed the training  
23           program under this section and has been employed  
24           as a teacher in a hard-to-staff school or hard-to-staff  
25           teaching position, in an amount not to exceed the

1 total amount of students loans incurred by the indi-  
2 vidual for participating in the program.

3 “(2) AMOUNT OF LOAN FORGIVENESS.—The  
4 Secretary may forgive—

5 “(A) in the case of an eligible individual  
6 who has been employed in a hard-to-staff school  
7 or hard-to-staff teaching position for at least 5  
8 years, the total amount of the student loans in-  
9 curred by the student for participating in the  
10 training program under this section; or

11 “(B) in the case of an eligible individual  
12 who has been employed in a hard-to-staff school  
13 or hard-to-staff teaching position for less than  
14 5 years, an amount that is less than the total  
15 amount of the student loans incurred by the  
16 student for participating in the training pro-  
17 gram under this section.

18 “(3) STUDENT LOANS.—The term ‘student  
19 loans’ means any loans awarded to an eligible indi-  
20 vidual under title IV of the Higher Education Act of  
21 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.).

22 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary is authorized to  
23 promulgate any regulations necessary to carry out this  
24 section.

1       “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
2 tion shall be construed to alter or otherwise affect the  
3 rights, remedies, and procedures afforded school or local  
4 educational agency employees under Federal, State, or  
5 local laws (including applicable regulations or court or-  
6 ders) or under the terms of collective bargaining agree-  
7 ments, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements  
8 between such employees and their employers.

9       “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
11 such sums as may be necessary.”.

