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# H. R. 58

To promote green schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. CARNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Green Schools Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. GREEN SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM.**

6       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-  
7       vironmental Protection Agency shall establish a program  
8       for making grants of up to \$10,000 per project to local  
9       educational agencies for projects for green school con-  
10      struction and improvements.

1 (b) MATCHING FUNDS.—A grant shall be made for  
2 a project under subsection (a) only if at least 50 percent  
3 of the costs of the project will be paid from non-Federal  
4 sources.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

6 (1) the term “green school construction and im-  
7 provements” means construction methods, systems,  
8 technologies, or facility improvements that create a  
9 healthy learning environment while saving natural  
10 resources and money, including—

11 (A) sustainable site improvements;

12 (B) water conservation strategies or sys-  
13 tems;

14 (C) energy conservation strategies or sys-  
15 tems;

16 (D) sustainable materials, including low-  
17 emitting, reused, recycled, regionally harvested,  
18 and rapidly renewable materials; and

19 (E) strategies or systems that improve in-  
20 door environmental quality, including improve-  
21 ments to acoustics, ventilation, thermal com-  
22 fort, daylighting, and mold prevention; and

23 (2) the term “local educational agency” has the  
24 meaning given that term in section 9101 of the Ele-

1       mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
2       U.S.C. 7801).

3       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4       are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of  
5       the Environmental Protection Agency for carrying out this  
6       section \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009  
7       through 2013.

8       **SEC. 3. EXTENSION AND GREENING OF QUALIFIED ZONE**  
9               **ACADEMY BONDS.**

10       (a) EXTENSION.—Paragraph (1) of 54E(c) of the In-  
11       ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to national limita-  
12       tion) is amended by striking “2008 and 2009” and insert-  
13       ing “each of calendar years 2008 through 2013”.

14       (b) GREENING.—Paragraph (3) of section 54E(d) of  
15       such Code (defining qualified purpose) is amended by add-  
16       ing at the end the following new sentence:

17       “In the case of bonds issued after the date of the  
18       enactment of this sentence, any rehabilitation, re-  
19       pair, or provision of equipment shall be treated as  
20       a qualified purpose only if such rehabilitation, re-  
21       pair, or provision, as the case may be, is described  
22       in section 2(c) of the Green Schools Act, as in effect  
23       on such date.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply to obligations issued after De-  
3 cember 31, 2008.

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