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To authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to local educational agencies to provide for the services of registered dietitians in schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois 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 “Dieticians in Schools
5 Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTERED DIETICIANS**
7 **IN SCHOOLS.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Education
9 may make grants on a competitive basis to local edu-
10 cational agencies to allow such agencies to provide for the

1 services of registered dietitians in schools served by such
2 agencies.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary may only make a
4 grant under subsection (a) to a local educational agency
5 that submits an application at such time, in such form,
6 and accompanied by such information and assurances as
7 the Secretary may require.

8 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A local educational agency re-
9 ceiving a grant under subsection (a) shall use grant funds
10 to provide, in each school served by such agency, for the
11 services of a registered dietitian who will carry out the
12 following activities:

13 (1) Teaching classes or conducting programs
14 that teach students about nutrition and healthy eat-
15 ing habits.

16 (2) Assisting in the planning of meals served in
17 the cafeteria of the school to ensure that such meals
18 are nutritious and consistent with healthy eating
19 habits. Such planning shall take into consideration
20 the needs of—

21 (A) students of different ages, food pref-
22 erences, activity levels, and cultural back-
23 grounds; and

24 (B) students with food allergies and other
25 dietary restrictions.

1 (d) REPORTS.—

2 (1) BY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES TO SEC-
3 RETARY.—Not later than 90 days after the end of
4 each year in which a local educational agency re-
5 ceives a grant under subsection (a), such agency
6 shall submit to the Secretary a report on the imple-
7 mentation of the grant. Such report shall include—

8 (A) a summary of the activities conducted
9 by registered dietitians using grant funds;

10 (B) an assessment of the impact of such
11 activities on—

12 (i) the nutrition and eating habits of
13 the students in schools served by the local
14 educational agency; and

15 (ii) rates of obesity and overweight
16 among such students; and

17 (C) an assessment of the future needs of
18 such schools related to nutrition education and
19 ensuring the availability of nutritious meals for
20 students.

21 (2) BY SECRETARY TO CONGRESS.—Not later
22 than 180 days after the end of each year in which
23 the Secretary makes a grant under subsection (a),
24 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
25 Education and Labor of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on Health, Education,
 2 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the
 3 grant program conducted under this section, includ-
 4 ing a summary of the reports received under para-
 5 graph (1) from local educational agencies for such
 6 year.

7 (e) APPLICATION TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.—A charter
 8 school shall be eligible to receive a grant under subsection
 9 (a), and this section shall apply to a charter school as if
 10 the charter school were a local educational agency serving
 11 only 1 school.

12 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) CHARTER SCHOOL.—The term “charter
 14 school” has the meaning given such term in section
 15 5210(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
 16 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7221i(1)).

17 (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
 18 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
 19 such term in section 9101(26) of such Act (20
 20 U.S.C. 7801(26)).

21 (3) REGISTERED DIETICIAN.—The term “reg-
 22 istered dietician” means an individual who is reg-
 23 istered as a registered dietician by the Commission
 24 on Dietetic Registration.

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