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To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding highly qualified teachers, growth models, adequate yearly progress, Native American language programs, and parental involvement, and for other purposes.

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “School Accountability
5 Improvements Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN SMALL, RURAL,**
2 **OR REMOTE SCHOOLS.**

3 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

4 (1) to ensure that local educational agencies
5 have flexibility in the ways in which the local edu-
6 cational agencies may provide instruction in core
7 academic subjects;

8 (2) to provide relief to teachers who are as-
9 signed to teach more than two core academic sub-
10 jects in small, rural, or remote schools; and

11 (3) to provide assurances to students that their
12 instructors will have appropriate knowledge of the
13 core academic subjects the instructors teach.

14 (b) HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS OF MULTIPLE
15 CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS IN SMALL SCHOOLS.—Sec-
16 tion 1119(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education
17 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6319(a)) is amended by adding
18 at the end the following:

19 “(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR SMALL, RURAL, OR RE-
20 MOTE SCHOOLS.—In the case of a local educational
21 agency that is unable to provide a highly qualified
22 teacher to serve as an on-site classroom teacher for
23 a core academic subject in a small, rural, or remote
24 school, the local educational agency may meet the
25 requirements of this section by using distance learn-
26 ing to provide such instruction by a teacher who is

1 highly qualified in the core academic subject, as long
 2 as—

3 “(A) the teacher who is highly qualified in
 4 the core academic subject—

5 “(i) is responsible for providing at
 6 least 50 percent of the direct instruction in
 7 the core academic subject through distance
 8 learning;

9 “(ii) is responsible for monitoring stu-
 10 dent progress; and

11 “(iii) is the teacher who assigns the
 12 students their grades; and

13 “(B) an on-site teacher who is highly
 14 qualified in a subject other the core academic
 15 subject taught through distance learning is
 16 present in the classroom throughout the period
 17 of distance learning and provides supporting in-
 18 struction and assistance to the students.”.

19 (c) SMALL, RURAL, OR REMOTE SCHOOLS.—Section
 20 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
 21 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801) is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (41) through
 23 (43) as paragraphs (42) through (44), respectively;

(2) in the undesignated paragraph following paragraph (39), by striking “STATE.—The” and inserting the following

“(41) STATE.—The”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (39) the following:

“(40) SMALL, RURAL, OR REMOTE SCHOOL.—
The term ‘small, rural, or remote school’ means a school that—

“(A)(i) is served by a local educational agency that meets the eligibility requirements of section 6211(b) or 6221(b)(1)(B);

“(ii) has an average daily student membership of fewer than 500 students for grades kindergarten through grade 12, inclusive, for the full school year preceding the school year for which the determination is being made under this paragraph; or

“(iii) has an average daily membership of fewer than 100 students in grades 7 through 12, inclusive, for such preceding full school year; and

“(B) has been unable, despite reasonable efforts to do so, to recruit, hire, or retain a sufficient number of teachers who are highly quali-

1 fied in the core academic subjects for the school
 2 year for which the determination is being made
 3 under this paragraph.”.

4 **SEC. 3. GROWTH MODELS.**

5 Section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary
 6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)) is amended
 7 by adding at the end the following:

8 “(L) GROWTH MODELS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
 10 State that desires to satisfy the require-
 11 ments of a single, statewide State account-
 12 ability system under subparagraph (A)
 13 through the use of a growth model, the
 14 Secretary shall approve such State’s use of
 15 the growth model if—

16 “(I) the State plan ensures that
 17 100 percent of students in each group
 18 described in subparagraph (C)(v)—

19 “(aa) meet or exceed the
 20 State’s proficient level of aca-
 21 demic achievement on the State
 22 assessments under paragraph (3)
 23 by the 2013–2014 school year; or

24 “(bb) are making sufficient
 25 progress to enable each student

1 to meet or exceed the State’s pro-
2 ficient level on such assessments
3 for the student’s corresponding
4 grade level not later than the stu-
5 dent’s final year in secondary
6 school;

7 “(II) the State plan complies
8 with all of the requirements of this
9 paragraph, except as provided in
10 clause (ii);

11 “(III) the growth model is based
12 on a fully approved assessment sys-
13 tem;

14 “(IV) the growth model cal-
15 culates growth in student proficiency
16 for the purposes of determining ade-
17 quate yearly progress either by indi-
18 vidual students or by cohorts of stu-
19 dents, and may use methodologies,
20 such as confidence intervals and the
21 State-approved minimum designa-
22 tions, that will yield statistically reli-
23 able data;

24 “(V) the growth model includes
25 all students; and

1 “(VI) the State has the capacity
2 to track and manage the data for the
3 growth model efficiently and effec-
4 tively.

5 “(ii) SPECIAL RULE.—Notwith-
6 standing any other provision of law, for
7 purposes of any provision that requires the
8 calculation of a number or percentage of
9 students who meet or exceed the proficient
10 level of academic achievement on a State
11 assessment under paragraph (3), a State
12 using a growth model approved under
13 clause (i) shall calculate such number or
14 percentage by counting—

15 “(I) the students who meet or ex-
16 ceed the proficient level of academic
17 achievement on the State assessment;
18 and

19 “(II) the students who, as dem-
20 onstrated through the growth model,
21 are making sufficient progress to en-
22 able each student to meet or exceed
23 the proficient level on the State as-
24 sessment for the student’s cor-
25 responding grade level not later than

1 the student's final year in secondary
 2 school.”.

3 **SEC. 4. SCHOOL CHOICE AND SUPPLEMENTAL EDU-**
 4 **CATIONAL SERVICES.**

5 (a) SCHOOL CHOICE AND SUPPLEMENTAL EDU-
 6 CATIONAL SERVICES.—Section 1116(b) of the Elementary
 7 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 8 6316(b)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking subparagraph (E) and in-
 11 serting the following:

12 “(E) SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERV-
 13 ICES.—In the case of a school identified for
 14 school improvement under this paragraph, the
 15 local educational agency shall, not later than
 16 the first day of the school year following such
 17 identification, make supplemental educational
 18 services available consistent with subsection
 19 (e).”; and

20 (B) by striking subparagraph (F);

21 (2) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the
 22 following:

23 “(5) FAILURE TO MAKE ADEQUATE YEARLY
 24 PROGRESS AFTER IDENTIFICATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any
2 school served under this part that fails to make
3 adequate yearly progress, as set out in the
4 State’s plan under section 1111(b)(2), not later
5 than the first day of the second school year fol-
6 lowing identification under paragraph (1), the
7 local educational agency serving such school
8 shall—

9 “(i) provide students in grades 3
10 through 12 who are enrolled in the school
11 and who did not meet or exceed the pro-
12 ficient level on the most recent State as-
13 sessment in mathematics or in reading or
14 language arts with the option to transfer
15 to another public school served by the local
16 educational agency in accordance with sub-
17 paragraph (B);

18 “(ii) continue to make supplemental
19 educational services available consistent
20 with subsection (e)(1); and

21 “(iii) continue to provide technical as-
22 sistance.

23 “(B) PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE.—In car-
24 rying out subparagraph (A)(i) with respect to a
25 school, the local educational agency serving

1 such school shall, not later than the first day of
 2 the school year following such identification,
 3 provide all students described in subparagraph
 4 (A)(i) with the option to transfer to another
 5 public school served by the local educational
 6 agency, which may include a public charter
 7 school, that has not been identified for school
 8 improvement under this paragraph, unless such
 9 an option is prohibited by State law.

10 “(C) TRANSFER.—Students who use the
 11 option to transfer under subparagraph (A)(i),
 12 paragraph (7)(C)(i) or (8)(A)(i), or subsection
 13 (c)(10)(C)(vii), shall be enrolled in classes and
 14 other activities in the public school to which the
 15 students transfer in the same manner as all
 16 other children at the public school.”;

17 (3) in paragraph (7)(C)(i), by striking “all”;

18 and

19 (4) in paragraph (8)(A)(i), by striking “all”.

20 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PRO-
 21 VIDERS.—Section 1116(e) of the Elementary and Sec-
 22 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6316(e)) is
 23 amended—

24 (1) by redesignating paragraph (12) as para-
 25 graph (13);

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (11) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(12) RULE REGARDING PROVIDERS.—Notwith-
 4 standing paragraph (13)(B), a local educational
 5 agency identified under subsection (c) that is re-
 6 quired to arrange for the provision of supplemental
 7 educational services under this subsection may serve
 8 as a provider of such services in accordance with
 9 this subsection.”; and

10 (3) in paragraph (13)(A) (as redesignated by
 11 paragraph (1)), by inserting “, who is in any of
 12 grades 3 through 12 and who did not meet or exceed
 13 the proficient level on the most recent State assess-
 14 ment in mathematics or in reading or language
 15 arts” before the semicolon.

16 **SEC. 5. CALCULATING ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS FOR**
 17 **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND STU-**
 18 **DENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PRO-**
 19 **FICIENCY.**

20 Section 1116 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
 21 cation Act of 1965 (as amended by section 4) (20 U.S.C.
 22 6316) is further amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
 24 section (i); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(h) PARTIAL SATISFACTION OF AYP.—

4 “(1) SCHOOLS.—Notwithstanding this section
 5 or any other provision of law, in the case of a school
 6 that failed to make adequate yearly progress under
 7 section 1111(b)(2) solely because the school did not
 8 meet or exceed 1 or more annual measurable objec-
 9 tives set by the State under section 1111(b)(2)(G)
 10 for the subgroup of students with disabilities or stu-
 11 dents with limited English proficiency, or both such
 12 subgroups—

13 “(A) if such school is identified for school
 14 improvement under subsection (b)(1), such
 15 school shall only be required to develop or revise
 16 and implement a school plan under subsection
 17 (b)(3) with respect to each such subgroup that
 18 did not meet or exceed each annual measurable
 19 objective; and

20 “(B) if such school is identified for correc-
 21 tive action or restructuring under paragraph
 22 (7) or (8) of subsection (b), respectively, the
 23 local educational agency serving such school
 24 shall not be required to implement subsection
 25 (b)(7)(C)(iv) or subsection (b)(8)(B), respec-

tively, if the local educational agency demonstrates to the State educational agency that the school would have made adequate yearly progress for each assessment and for each such subgroup for the most recent school year if the percentage of students who met or exceeded the proficient level of academic achievement on the State assessment was calculated by counting—

“(i) the students who met or exceeded such proficient level; and

“(ii) the students who are making sufficient progress to enable each such student to meet or exceed the proficient level on the assessment for the student’s corresponding grade level not later than the student’s final year in secondary school, as demonstrated through a growth model that meets the requirements described in subclauses (III) through (VI) of section 1111(b)(2)(L)(i).

“(2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding this section or any other provision of law, in the case of a local educational agency that failed to make adequately yearly progress under subsection (c)(1) solely because the local educational

1 agency did not meet or exceed 1 or more annual
2 measurable objectives set by the State under section
3 1111(b)(2)(G) for the subgroup of students with dis-
4 abilities or students with limited English proficiency,
5 or both such subgroups—

6 “(A) if the local educational agency is
7 identified for improvement under subsection
8 (c)(3), the local educational agency shall only be
9 required to develop or revise and implement a
10 local educational agency plan under subsection
11 (c)(7) with respect to each such subgroup that
12 did not meet or exceed each annual measurable
13 objective; and

14 “(B) if the local educational agency is
15 identified for corrective action under subsection
16 (c)(10), the State educational agency shall not
17 be required to implement such subsection if the
18 State educational agency demonstrates to the
19 Secretary that the local educational agency
20 would have made adequate yearly progress for
21 each assessment and for each such subgroup if
22 the percentage of students who met or exceeded
23 the proficient level of academic achievement on
24 the State assessment was calculated by count-
25 ing—

1 “(i) the students who meet or exceed
2 such proficient level; and

3 “(ii) the students who are making suf-
4 ficient progress to enable each such stu-
5 dent to meet or exceed the proficient level
6 on the assessment for the student’s cor-
7 responding grade level not later than the
8 student’s final year in secondary school, as
9 demonstrated through a growth model that
10 meets the requirements described in sub-
11 clauses (III) through (VI) of section
12 1111(b)(2)(L)(i).”.

13 **SEC. 6. NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS.**

14 Section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary
15 Education Act of 1965 (as amended by section 3) (20
16 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)) is further amended by adding at the
17 end the following:

18 “(M) NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PRO-
19 GRAMS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (I) or
20 any other provision of law—

21 “(i) a school serving students who re-
22 ceive not less than a half day of daily Na-
23 tive language instruction in an American
24 Indian language, an Alaska Native lan-
25 guage, or Hawaiian in at least grades kin-

1 dergarten through grade 2 for a school
2 year that does not have State assessments
3 under paragraph (3) available in the Na-
4 tive American language taught at the
5 school as provided for in paragraph
6 (3)(C)(ix)(III)—

7 “(I) shall assess students in
8 grade 3 as required under paragraph
9 (3), and such students shall be in-
10 cluded in determining if the school
11 met the participation requirements for
12 all groups of students as required
13 under subparagraph (I)(ii) for such
14 school year; and

15 “(II) shall not include such as-
16 sessment results for students in grade
17 3 in determining if the school met or
18 exceeded the annual measurable objec-
19 tives for all groups of students as re-
20 quired under subparagraph (I)(i) for
21 such school year; and

22 “(ii) in the case of a school serving
23 students in any of grades 4 through 8 who
24 received such Native American language
25 instruction, such school shall count for

purposes of calculating the percentage of students who met or exceeded the proficient level of academic achievement on the State assessment—

“(I) the students who met or exceeded such proficient level; and

“(II) the students who are making sufficient progress to enable each such student to meet or exceed such proficient level on the assessment for the student’s corresponding grade level by the time the student enters grade 7, as demonstrated through a growth model that meets the requirements described in subclauses (III) through (VI) of subparagraph (L)(i).”.

SEC. 7. IMPROVING EFFECTIVE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.

Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 2131(1)(B) (20 U.S.C. 6631(1)(B)), by inserting “one or more parent teacher associations or organizations,” after “another local educational agency,”; and

(2) in section 2134 (20 U.S.C. 6634)—

1 (A) in subsection (a)(2)(C), by inserting
 2 “one or more parent teacher associations or or-
 3 ganizations,” after “such local educational
 4 agencies,”;

5 (B) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
 6 section (c); and

7 (C) by inserting after subsection (a) the
 8 following:

9 “(b) OPTIONAL USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible part-
 10 nership that receives a subgrant under this section may
 11 use subgrant funds remaining after carrying out all of the
 12 activities described in subsection (a) for—

13 “(1) developing parental engagement strategies,
 14 with accountability goals, as a key part of the ongoing
 15 school improvement plan under section
 16 1116(b)(3)(A) for a school identified for improve-
 17 ment under section 1116(b)(1); or

18 “(2) providing training to teachers, principals,
 19 and parents in skills that will enhance effective com-
 20 munication, which training shall—

21 “(A) include the research-based standards
 22 and methodologies of effective parent or family
 23 involvement programs; and

24 “(B) to the greatest extent possible, in-
 25 volve the members of the local and State parent

1 teacher association or organization in such
 2 training activities and in the implementation of
 3 school improvement plans under section
 4 1116(b)(3)(A).”.

5 **SEC. 8. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

6 Section 1116 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
 7 cation Act of 1965 (as amended by sections 4 and 5) (20
 8 U.S.C. 6316) is further amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (6)(F), by striking
 11 “(1)(E),”;

12 (B) in paragraph (7)(C)(i), by striking
 13 “paragraph (1) (E) and (F)” and inserting
 14 “subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (5)”;

15 (C) in paragraph (8)(A)(i), by striking
 16 “paragraph (1) (E) and (F)” and inserting
 17 “subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (5)”;

18 (D) in paragraph (9)—

19 (i) by striking “paragraph (1)(E)”
 20 and inserting “paragraph (5)(B)”;

21 (ii) by striking “(1)(A), (5),” and in-
 22 serting “(5)(A),”;

23 (E) in paragraph (11), by striking
 24 “(1)(E),”;

1 (2) in subsection (c)(10)(C)(vii), by striking
2 “subsections (b)(1) (E) and (F)” and inserting
3 “subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subsection (b)(5)”;
4 (3) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting “(1),”
5 after “described in paragraph”;
6 (4) in subsection (f)(1)(A)(ii), by inserting
7 “(A)” after “(b)(5)” and
8 (5) in subsection (g)(3)(A), by striking “sub-
9 section (b)(1)(E)” and inserting “subsection
10 (b)(5)(B)”.

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