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To amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Polis (for himself, Mr. Petri, Mr. Hinojosa, Mr. Paulsen, Mr. Guthrie, Mrs. Davis of California, Mr. Delaney, and Mr. Schock) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To amend the charter school program 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 "All Students Achieving
- 5 through Reform Act of 2013" or the "All-STAR Act of
- 6 2013".
- 7 SEC. 2. REFERENCES.
- 8 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
- 9 this Act a section or other provision is amended or re-

- 1 pealed, such amendment or repeal shall be considered to
- 2 be made to that section or other provision of the Elemen-
- 3 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
- 4 6301 et seq.).
- 5 SEC. 3. PURPOSE.
- 6 Section 5201 (20 U.S.C. 7221) is amended to read
- 7 as follows:
- 8 "SEC. 5201. PURPOSE.
- 9 "It is the purpose of this subpart to—
- 10 "(1) improve the United States education sys-
- tem and educational opportunities for all Americans
- by supporting innovation in public education in pub-
- lic school settings that prepare students to compete
- and contribute to the global economy;
- 15 "(2) provide financial assistance for the plan-
- ning, program design, and initial implementation of
- 17 charter schools;
- 18 "(3) expand the number of high-quality charter
- schools available to students across the Nation;
- 20 "(4) evaluate the impact of such schools on stu-
- dent achievement, families, and communities, and
- share best practices between charter schools and
- other public schools;
- 24 "(5) encourage States to provide support to
- charter schools for facilities financing in an amount

1 more nearly commensurate to the amount the States 2 have typically provided for traditional public schools; "(6) improve student services to increase oppor-3 tunities for students with disabilities, limited English proficient students, and other traditionally 5 6 underserved students to attend charter schools and 7 meet challenging State academic achievement stand-8 ards; and "(7) support efforts to strengthen the charter 9 10 school authorizing process to improve performance 11 management, including transparency, monitoring, 12 and evaluation of such schools.". 13 SEC. 4. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED. Section 5202 (20 U.S.C. 7221a) is amended to read 14 15 as follows: 16 "SEC. 5202. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED. 17 "(a) IN GENERAL.—This subpart authorizes the Sec-18 retary to carry out a charter school program that supports 19 charter schools that serve elementary school and sec-20 ondary school students by— "(1) supporting the startup, replication, and ex-21 22 pansion of charter schools; 23 "(2) assisting charter schools in accessing cred-24 it to acquire and renovate facilities for school use;

and

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1	"(3) carrying out national and local activities to
2	support—
3	"(A) the development of high-quality char-
4	ter schools;
5	"(B) the dissemination of best practices of
6	charter schools for all schools; and
7	"(C) the evaluation of the impact of the
8	program on schools participating in the pro-
9	gram.
10	"(b) Funding Allotment.—From the amount
11	made available under section 5211 for a fiscal year, the
12	Secretary shall—
13	"(1) reserve 12.5 percent to support charter
14	school facilities assistance under section 5204;
15	"(2) reserve not more than 2.5 percent to carry
16	out the technical assistance and best practices under
17	section 5205(a) and the evaluation under section
18	5205(b), of which 1 percent shall be used to carry
19	out such evaluation;
20	"(3) reserve not more than 20 percent to award
21	grants for local activities under section 5205(c); and
22	"(4) use the remaining amount after the Sec-
23	retary reserves funds under paragraphs (1) through
24	(4) to carry out section 5203.

1	"(c) Prior Grants and Subgrants.—The recipi-
2	ent of a grant or subgrant under this subpart or subpart
3	2, as such subpart was in effect on the day before the
4	date of enactment of the All Students Achieving through
5	Reform Act of 2013, shall continue to receive funds in
6	accordance with the terms and conditions of such grant
7	or subgrant.".
8	SEC. 5. GRANTS TO SUPPORT HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER
9	SCHOOLS.
10	Section 5203 (20 U.S.C. 7221b) is amended to read
11	as follows:
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1	"(iii) expanding high-quality charter
2	schools; and
3	"(B) provide technical assistance to eligible
4	applicants and authorized public chartering
5	agencies in carrying out the activities described
6	in paragraph (1) and work with authorized pub-
7	lic chartering agencies in the State to improve
8	authorizing quality.
9	"(2) Special rule.—In the case in which a
10	covered entity that is a State educational agency
11	elects not to receive a grant under this section or
12	does not have an application approved under sub-
13	section (f), the Secretary may award a grant to an
14	eligible applicant that—
15	"(A) serves such State;
16	"(B) submits an application to the Sec-
17	retary that would be approved pursuant to sec-
18	tion 5205(c) if such eligible applicant were to
19	apply for a grant under such section; and
20	"(C) has not received a grant under such
21	section 5205(c).
22	"(b) Uses of Funds for Covered Entities.—
23	"(1) In general.—A covered entity receiving
24	a grant under this section shall—

1	"(A) use 90 percent of the grant funds to
2	award subgrants to eligible applicants, in ac-
3	cordance with the quality charter school pro-
4	gram described in the covered entity's applica-
5	tion approved pursuant to subsection (f), for
6	the purposes described in clauses (i) through
7	(iii) of subsection (a)(1)(A); and
8	"(B) reserve 10 percent of such funds to
9	carry out the activities described in subsection
10	(a)(1)(B), of which not more than 30 percent
11	may be used for administrative costs which may
12	include technical assistance.
13	"(2) Contracts and grants.—A covered en-
14	tity may use a grant received under this section to
15	carry out the activities described in subparagraphs
16	(A) and (B) of paragraph (1) directly or through
17	grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements.
18	"(c) Program Periods; Peer Review; Grant
19	Number and Amount; Diversity of Projects; Waiv-
20	ERS.—
21	"(1) Program periods.—
22	"(A) Grants.—A grant awarded by the
23	Secretary to a covered entity under this section
24	shall be for a period of not more than 3 years,
25	except that the covered entity may, at the dis-

- cretion of the Secretary, continue to expend grant funds after the end of such 3-year period to award subgrants in accordance with subsection (b)(1)(A).
 - "(B) Subgrants.—A subgrant awarded by a covered entity to an eligible applicant under this section shall be for a period of not more than 3 years.
 - "(2) PEER REVIEW.—The Secretary, and each covered entity receiving a grant under this section, shall use a peer review process to review applications for assistance under this section.
 - "(3) Grant number and amount.—The Secretary shall ensure that the number of grants awarded under this section and the award amounts will allow for a sufficient number of new grants to be awarded under this section for each succeeding fiscal year.
 - "(4) DIVERSITY OF PROJECTS.—Each covered entity receiving a grant under this section shall award subgrants under this section in a manner that, to the extent possible, ensures that such subgrants—

1	"(A) are distributed throughout different
2	areas, including urban, suburban, and rural
3	areas; and
4	"(B) will assist charter schools rep-
5	resenting a variety of educational approaches.
6	"(5) Waivers.—The Secretary may waive any
7	statutory or regulatory requirement over which the
8	Secretary exercises administrative authority except
9	any such requirement relating to the elements of a
10	charter school described in section 5210(1) or to an
11	applicable civil rights requirement, if—
12	"(A) the waiver is requested in an ap-
13	proved application under this section; and
14	"(B) the Secretary determines that grant-
15	ing such a waiver will promote the purpose of
16	this subpart.
17	"(d) Limitations.—
18	"(1) Grants.—A covered entity may not re-
19	ceive more than 1 grant under this section, unless
20	the entity—
21	"(A) for each charter school supported
22	under the first grant received under this sec-
23	tion, provides aggregate data demonstrating
24	that the students enrolled in the charter school

1	have experienced demonstrated improvement in
2	academic achievement; and
3	"(B) demonstrates that the funds provided
4	under the additional grant will be awarded to
5	replicate high-quality charter school models or
6	expand high-quality charter schools.
7	"(2) Subgrants.—A charter school may not
8	receive funds from more than 1 subgrant awarded to
9	an eligible applicant under this section.
10	"(e) Applications.—A covered entity desiring to re-
11	ceive a grant under this section shall submit an application
12	to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the
13	Secretary may require. The application shall include the
14	following:
15	"(1) Description of Program.—A descrip-
16	tion of the covered entity's objectives in carrying out
17	a quality charter school program under this section
18	and how the objectives of the program will be car-
19	ried out, including a description—
20	"(A) of how the entity—
21	"(i) will support both new charter
22	school startup and the expansion and rep-
23	lication of high-quality charter school mod-
24	els;

1	"(ii) will inform eligible charter
2	schools, developers, and authorized public
3	chartering agencies of the availability of
4	funds under the program;
5	"(iii) will work with eligible applicants
6	to ensure that the applicants access all
7	Federal funds that they are eligible to re-
8	ceive, and help the charter schools sup-
9	ported by the applicants and the students
10	attending the charter schools—
11	"(I) participate in the Federal
12	programs in which the schools and
13	students are eligible to participate;
14	and
15	"(II) receive the commensurate
16	share of Federal funds the schools
17	and students are eligible to receive
18	under such programs;
19	"(iv) in the case in which the entity is
20	not a State educational agency—
21	"(I) will work with the State edu-
22	cational agency and the charter
23	schools in the State to maximize char-
24	ter school participation in Federal and

1	State programs for charter schools;
2	and
3	"(II) will work with the State
4	educational agency to adequately op-
5	erate the entity's program under this
6	section, where applicable;
7	"(v) will ensure eligible applicants
8	that receive a subgrant under the entity's
9	program are prepared to continue to oper-
10	ate the charter schools receiving the
11	subgrant funds once the funds have ex-
12	pired;
13	"(vi) will support charter schools par-
14	ticipating in the entity's program and that
15	are in local educational agencies with large
16	numbers of schools that must comply with
17	the requirements of section 1116(b);
18	"(vii) will work with charter schools
19	participating in the entity's program to
20	promote inclusion of all students and sup-
21	port all students once they are enrolled to
22	promote retention;
23	"(viii) will work with such charter
24	schools on recruitment practices, including
25	efforts to engage groups that may other-

1	wise have limited opportunities to partici-
2	pate in charter schools;
3	"(ix) will share best and promising
4	practices between charter schools and
5	other public schools, including, where ap-
6	propriate, instruction and professional de-
7	velopment in science, math, technology,
8	and engineering education;
9	"(x) will ensure the charter schools
10	they support can meet the educational
11	needs of their students, including students
12	with disabilities and limited English pro-
13	ficient students; and
14	"(xi) will support efforts to increase
15	quality initiatives, including meeting the
16	quality authorizing elements described in
17	paragraph (2)(E);
18	"(B) of the extent to which the entity—
19	"(i) is able to meet and carry out the
20	priorities listed in subsection $(f)(2)$; and
21	"(ii) is working to develop or
22	strengthen a cohesive statewide system to
23	support the opening of new charter
24	schools, replication of high-quality charter

1	school models, and the expansion of high-
2	quality charter schools;
3	"(C) of how the entity will carry out the
4	subgrant competition, including—
5	"(i) a description of the application
6	each eligible applicant desiring to receive a
7	subgrant will submit, including—
8	"(I) a description of the roles
9	and responsibilities of eligible appli-
10	cants, partner organizations, and
11	management organizations, including
12	the administrative and contractual
13	roles and responsibilities;
14	"(II) a description of the quality
15	controls agreed to between the eligible
16	applicant and the authorized public
17	chartering agency involved, such as a
18	contract or performance agreement,
19	and how a school's performance on
20	the State's accountability system es-
21	tablished under section $1111(b)(2)(A)$
22	will be a primary factor for renewal;
23	and
24	"(III) a description of how the el-
25	igible applicant will solicit and con-

1	sider input from parents and other
2	members of the community on the
3	planning, implementation, and oper-
4	ation of each charter school receiving
5	funds under the entity's program; and
6	"(ii) a description of how the entity
7	will review applications;
8	"(D) in the case of an entity that partners
9	with an outside organization to carry out the
10	entity's quality charter school program, in
11	whole or in part, of the roles and responsibil-
12	ities of this partner;
13	"(E) of how the entity will support charter
14	schools in providing for the transportation
15	needs of their students; and
16	"(F) of how the entity will support diverse
17	charter school models, including models that
18	serve rural communities.
19	"(2) Assurances.—Assurances, including a
20	description of how the assurances will be met,
21	that—
22	"(A) each charter school receiving funds
23	under the entity's program will have a high de-
24	gree of autonomy over budget and operations;

1	"(B) the entity will support charter schools
2	in meeting the educational needs of their stu-
3	dents as described in paragraph (1)(A)(x);
4	"(C) the entity will ensure that the author-
5	ized public chartering agency of any charter
6	school that receives funds under the entity's
7	program—
8	"(i) ensures that each charter school
9	is meeting the obligations under this Act,
10	part B of the Individuals with Disabilities
11	Education Act, title VI of the Civil Rights
12	Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilita-
13	tion Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination
14	Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabil-
15	ities Act of 1990, section 444 of the Gen-
16	eral Education Provisions Act (commonly
17	known as the 'Family Educational Rights
18	and Privacy Act of 1974'), and title IX of
19	the Education Amendments of 1972;
20	"(ii) adequately monitors and hold ac-
21	countable each charter school with respect
22	to recruiting, enrolling, and meeting the
23	needs of all students, including students
24	with disabilities and limited English pro-
25	ficient students;

1	"(iii) ensures that each charter school
2	provides substantive outreach to students
3	from low-income families in its plans to
4	open new charter schools, replicate high-
5	quality charter school models, or expand
6	existing high-quality charter schools; and
7	"(iv) ensures that each charter school
8	solicits and considers input from parents
9	and other members of the community on
10	the implementation and operation of the
11	school;
12	"(D) the entity will provide adequate tech-
13	nical assistance to eligible applicants to—
14	"(i) meet the objectives described in
15	clauses (vii) and (viii) of paragraph (1)(A)
16	and paragraph (2)(B); and
17	"(ii) enroll traditionally underserved
18	students, including students with disabil-
19	ities and limited English proficient stu-
20	dents, to promote an inclusive education
21	environment;
22	"(E) the entity will promote quality au-
23	thorizing, such as through providing technical
24	assistance, to support all authorized public
25	chartering agencies in the State to improve the

1	monitoring of their charter schools, including
2	by—
3	"(i) assessing annual performance
4	data of the schools, including, as appro-
5	priate, graduation rates and student
6	growth; and
7	"(ii) reviewing the schools' inde-
8	pendent, annual audits of financial state-
9	ments conducted in accordance with gen-
10	erally accepted accounting principles, and
11	ensuring any such audits are publicly re-
12	ported;
13	"(F) the entity will work to ensure that
14	charter schools are included with the traditional
15	public local educational agencies in decision-
16	making about the public school system in the
17	State; and
18	"(G) the entity will ensure that each char-
19	ter school in the State make publicly available,
20	consistent with the dissemination requirements
21	of the annual State report card, the information
22	parents need to make informed decisions about
23	the educational options available to their chil-
24	dren, including information on the educational
25	program, student support services, and annual

1	performance and enrollment data for the groups
2	of students described in section
3	1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II).
4	"(3) Requests for waivers.—A request and
5	justification, meeting the requirements of subpara-
6	graphs (A) and (B) of section 5203(c)(5), for waiv-
7	ers of any Federal statutory or regulatory provisions
8	that the entity believes are necessary for the success-
9	ful operation of the charter schools that will receive
10	funds under the entity's program under this section,
11	and a description of any State or local rules, gen-
12	erally applicable to public schools, that will be
13	waived, or otherwise not apply to such schools.
14	"(f) Selection Criteria; Priority.—
15	"(1) Selection Criteria.—The Secretary
16	shall award grants under this section to covered en-
17	tities on the basis of the quality of the applications
18	submitted under subsection (e), after taking into
19	consideration—
20	"(A) for covered entities described in para-
21	graphs (1) and (3) of subsection (i)—
22	"(i) the degree of flexibility afforded
23	by the State's public charter school law
24	and how the entity will work to maximize

1	the flexibility provided to charter schools
2	under the law;
3	"(ii) the ambitiousness of the entity's
4	objectives for the quality charter school
5	program carried out under this section;
6	"(iii) the quality of the strategy for
7	assessing achievement of those objectives;
8	"(iv) the likelihood that the eligible
9	applicants receiving subgrants under the
10	program will meet those objectives and im-
11	prove educational results for students;
12	"(v) the proposed number of new
13	charter schools to be opened, and the pro-
14	posed number of high-quality charter
15	schools to be replicated or expanded under
16	the program;
17	"(vi) the entity's plan to—
18	"(I) adequately monitor the eligi-
19	ble applicants receiving subgrants
20	under the entity's program; and
21	"(II) work with the authorized
22	public chartering agencies involved to
23	avoid duplication of work for the char-
24	ter schools and authorized public
25	chartering agencies;

1	"(vii) the entity's plan to provide ade-
2	quate technical assistance, as described in
3	the entity's application under subsection
4	(e), for the eligible applicants receiving
5	subgrants under the entity's program
6	under this section;
7	"(viii) the entity's plan to support
8	quality authorizing efforts in the State,
9	consistent with the objectives described in
10	clause (ii); and
11	"(ix) the entity's plan to solicit and
12	consider input from parents and other
13	members of the community on the imple-
14	mentation and operation of the charter
15	schools in the State;
16	"(B) for covered entities described in para-
17	graphs (2) and (4) of subsection (i)—
18	"(i) the ambitiousness of the entity's
19	objectives for the quality charter school
20	program carried out under this section;
21	"(ii) the quality of the strategy for as-
22	sessing achievement of those objectives;
23	"(iii) the likelihood that the eligible
24	applicants receiving subgrants under the
25	entity's program will meet those objectives

1	and improve educational results for stu-
2	dents;
3	"(iv) the proposed number of new
4	charter schools to be opened, and the pro-
5	posed number of high-quality charter
6	schools to be replicated or expanded under
7	the program;
8	"(v) the entity's plan to adequately
9	monitor the eligible applicants receiving
10	subgrants under the entity's program;
11	"(vi) the entity's plan to provide ade-
12	quate technical assistance, as described in
13	the entity's application under subsection
14	(e), for the eligible applicants receiving
15	subgrants under the entity's program
16	under this section;
17	"(vii) the extent to which the entity
18	has policies and procedures to ensure that
19	charter schools in the area served by the
20	entity—
21	"(I) have equitable access to fa-
22	cilities available to other public
23	schools in such area; or

1	"(II) are not denied access to
2	available public school facilities in
3	such area; and
4	"(viii) the extent to which the entity
5	demonstrates support for public school
6	choice and provides parents with informa-
7	tion regarding charter school alternatives;
8	and
9	"(C) for covered entities described in sub-
10	section (i)(2), in addition to taking into consid-
11	eration the items described in clauses (i)
12	through (viii) of subparagraph (B), the entity's
13	record of success in authorizing and supporting
14	high-quality charter schools.
15	"(2) Priority.—In awarding grants under this
16	section, the Secretary shall give priority to covered
17	entities to the extent that such entities meet the fol-
18	lowing criteria:
19	"(A) States.—For covered entities de-
20	scribed in paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection
21	(i):
22	"(i) The entity is located in a State
23	that has a quality authorized public char-
24	tering agency that is an entity other than
25	a local educational agency.

1	"(ii) The entity is located in a State
2	that does not impose any limitation on the
3	number or percentage of charter schools
4	that may exist or the number or percent-
5	age of students that may attend charter
6	schools in the State.
7	"(iii) The entity is located in a State
8	that ensures equitable financing, as com-
9	pared to traditional public schools, for
10	charter schools and students in a prompt
11	manner.
12	"(iv) The entity is located in a State
13	that uses charter schools and best prac-
14	tices from charter schools to help improve
15	struggling schools and local educational
16	agencies.
17	"(v) The entity partners with an orga-
18	nization that has a demonstrated record of
19	success in developing management organi-
20	zations to support the development of
21	charter schools in the State.
22	"(vi) The entity demonstrates quality
23	policies and practices to support and mon-
24	itor charter schools through factors includ-
25	ing—

1	"(I) the proportion of high-qual-
2	ity charter schools in the State; and
3	"(II) the proportion of charter
4	schools enrolling, at a rate similar to
5	traditional public schools, traditionally
6	underserved students, including stu-
7	dents with disabilities and limited
8	English proficient students.
9	"(vii) The entity supports charter
10	schools that support at-risk students
11	through activities such as dropout preven-
12	tion or dropout recovery.
13	"(viii) The entity authorizes all char-
14	ter schools in the State to serve as school
15	food authorities.
16	"(ix) The entity is located in a State
17	that authorizes any charter school to be a
18	local educational agency in accordance with
19	State law.
20	"(x) The entity is located in a State
21	that allows appeals of decisions of author-
22	ized public chartering agencies.
23	"(xi) The entity is located in a State
24	that funds local educational agencies based
25	on an average daily enrollment or attend-

1	ance count or based on more than one an-
2	nual enrollment count.
3	"(xii) The entity is located in a State
4	with a law or policy such that per pupi
5	revenues are shared between local edu-
6	cational agencies to reflect split student
7	enrollment in 2 or more part-time edu-
8	cational programs operated or authorized
9	by different local educational agencies.
10	"(xiii) The entity has taken steps to
11	ensure that all authorized public chartering
12	agencies implement practices that comply
13	with nationally recognized best practices
14	for quality charter school authorizing.
15	"(xiv) The entity has policies and pro-
16	cedures to ensure that charter schools
17	identified as failing under the account-
18	ability system established under section
19	1111(b)(2)(A) of the State in which the
20	entity is located are closed, do not have
21	their charters renewed, or are not other-
22	wise allowed to continue operating, except
23	in special circumstances determined by the
24	State for charter schools—

1	"(I) designated through a State
2	system as alternative education pro-
3	grams with an explicit mission to
4	serve students who have failed in tra-
5	ditional systems or large proportions
6	of extremely at-risk students, such as
7	students with moderate to profound
8	disabilities or incarcerated youth; and
9	"(II) that are required to comply
10	with the accountability system estab-
11	lished under section $1111(b)(2)(A)$ of
12	the State.
13	"(B) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES AND
14	AUTHORIZED PUBLIC CHARTERING AGEN-
15	CIES.—For covered entities described in para-
16	graphs (2) and (4) of subsection (i):
17	"(i) The entity does not impose, to
18	the extent allowable under State law, any
19	limitation on the number or percentage of
20	charter schools that may exist or the num-
21	ber or percentage of students that may at-
22	tend charter schools.
23	"(ii) The entity provides, to the extent
24	allowed under State law, equitable financ-
25	ing, as compared to traditional public

1	schools, for charter schools and students
2	who attend such schools in a prompt man-
3	ner.
4	"(iii) The entity demonstrates quality
5	policies and practices to support and mon-
6	itor charter schools through factors, in-
7	cluding the proportion of charter schools
8	enrolling, at a rate similar to traditional
9	public schools, traditionally underserved
10	students, including students with disabil-
11	ities and limited English proficient stu-
12	dents.
13	"(iv) The entity supports charter
14	schools that support at-risk students
15	through activities such as dropout preven-
16	tion or dropout recovery.
17	"(v) The entity authorizes all charter
18	schools it authorizes to serve as school food
19	authorities to the extent allowed under
20	State law.
21	"(vi) The entity has taken steps to en-
22	sure that it complies with nationally recog-
23	nized best practices for quality charter
24	school authorizing.

1	"(vii) The entity ensures that charter
2	schools identified as failing under the ac-
3	countability system established under sec-
4	tion 1111(b)(2)(A) of the State in which
5	the entity is located are closed, do not have
6	their charter renewed, or are otherwise al-
7	lowed to continue operating, except in spe-
8	cial circumstances determined by the State
9	for charter schools—
10	"(I) designated through a State
11	system as alternative education pro-
12	grams with an explicit mission to
13	serve students who have failed in tra-
14	ditional systems or large proportions
15	of extremely at-risk students, such as
16	students with moderate to profound
17	disabilities or incarcerated youth; and
18	"(II) that are required to comply
19	with the accountability system estab-
20	lished under section $1111(b)(2)(A)$ of
21	the State.
22	"(viii) The entity has authorized not
23	less than 3 high-quality charter schools.
24	"(g) Local Uses of Funds.—An eligible applicant
25	receiving a subgrant under this section shall use such

- 1 funds to open new charter schools, replicate high-quality
- 2 charter school models, or expand existing high-quality
- 3 charter schools, which may include—
- "(1) securing a school building through lease or purchase and providing the necessary renovations to ensure a strong school opening or to meet the needs of increased student enrollment;
- 8 "(2) paying startup costs associated with hiring 9 teachers to ensure strong school starts;
 - "(3) providing transportation to students to and from charter schools opened, replicated, or expanded under this subsection, but only in the case of an applicant that demonstrates the capability to continue providing such transportation after the expiration of the subgrant funds;
 - "(4) purchasing instructional materials, implementing teacher and principal professional development programs, and hiring additional other staff for such charter schools; and
- 20 "(5) supporting any other necessary startup 21 and expansion activities with respect to such charter 22 schools.
- 23 "(h) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Each covered en-24 tity receiving a grant under this section shall submit to

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1	the Secretary, at the end of each year of the 3-year grant
2	period and at the end of such grant period, a report on—
3	"(1) the number of students served by each
4	subgrant awarded under this section and, if applica-
5	ble, how many new students were served during each
6	year of the subgrant period;
7	"(2) the number of subgrants awarded under
8	this section to carry out each of the following—
9	"(A) the opening of new charter schools;
10	"(B) the replication of high-quality charter
11	school models; and
12	"(C) the expansion of high-quality charter
13	schools;
14	"(3) the progress the entity made toward meet-
15	ing the priorities described in subsection (f)(2), as
16	applicable;
17	"(4) how the entity met the objectives of the
18	quality charter school program described in the enti-
19	ty's application under subsection (e);
20	"(5) how the entity complied with, and ensured
21	that eligible applicants complied with, the assurances
22	described in the entity's application; and
23	"(6) how the entity worked with authorized
24	public chartering agencies, including how the agen-
25	cies worked with the management company or lead-

1	ership of the schools that received subgrants under
2	this section.
3	"(i) Covered Entity Defined.—For purposes of
4	this section, the term 'covered entity' means—
5	"(1) a State educational agency;
6	"(2) an authorized public chartering agency
7	that is located in a State in which neither the State
8	educational agency nor the Governor of the State
9	has received a grant under this section;
10	"(3) a Governor of a State; or
11	"(4) a local educational agency that—
12	"(A) is not a charter school that is consid-
13	ered a local educational agency under State law;
14	and
15	"(B) is located in a State in which neither
16	the State educational agency nor the Governor
17	of the State has received a grant under this sec-
18	tion.".
19	SEC. 6. FACILITIES FINANCING ASSISTANCE.
20	Section 5204 (20 U.S.C. 7221c) is amended to read
21	as follows:
22	"SEC. 5204. FACILITIES FINANCING ASSISTANCE.
23	"(a) Grants to Eligible Entities.—
24	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use not
25	less than 65 percent of the amount reserved under

- section 5202(b)(1) to award grants to eligible entities that have the highest-quality applications ap-
- 3 proved under subsection (d), after considering the
- 4 diversity of such applications, to demonstrate inno-
- 5 vative methods of assisting charter schools to ad-
- dress the cost of acquiring, constructing, and ren-
- 7 ovating facilities by enhancing the availability of
- 8 loan or bond financing.
- 9 "(2) Eligible entity defined.—For pur-
- poses of this section, the term 'eligible entity'
- 11 means—
- 12 "(A) a public entity, such as a State or
- local governmental entity;
- 14 "(B) a private nonprofit entity; or
- 15 "(C) a consortium of entities described in
- subparagraphs (A) and (B).
- 17 "(b) Grantee Selection.—The Secretary shall
- 18 evaluate each application submitted under subsection (d),
- 19 and shall determine whether the application is sufficient
- 20 to merit approval.
- 21 "(c) Grant Characteristics.—In awarding grants
- 22 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall award multiple
- 23 grants of sufficient size, scope, and quality so as to ensure
- 24 an effective demonstration of an innovative means of en-

1	hancing credit for the financing of charter school acquisi-
2	tion, construction, or renovation.
3	"(d) Applications.—
4	"(1) In general.—To receive a grant under
5	subsection (a), an eligible entity shall submit to the
6	Secretary an application in such form as the Sec-
7	retary may reasonably require.
8	"(2) Contents.—An application submitted
9	under paragraph (1) shall contain—
10	"(A) a statement identifying the activities
11	proposed to be undertaken with funds received
12	under subsection (a), including how the eligible
13	entity will determine which charter schools will
14	receive assistance, and how much and what
15	types of assistance charter schools will receive;
16	"(B) a description of the involvement of
17	charter schools in the application's development
18	and the design of the proposed activities;
19	"(C) a description of the eligible entity's
20	expertise in capital market financing;
21	"(D) a description of how the proposed ac-
22	tivities will leverage the maximum amount of
23	private-sector financing capital relative to the
24	amount of government funding used and other-
25	wise enhance credit available to charter schools.

1	including how the entity will offer a combina-
2	tion of rates and terms more favorable than the
3	rates and terms that a charter school could re-
4	ceive without assistance from the entity under
5	this section;
6	"(E) a description of how the eligible enti-
7	ty possesses sufficient expertise in education to
8	evaluate the likelihood of success of a charter
9	school program for which facilities financing is
10	sought;
11	"(F) a description of how the eligible enti-
12	ty will encourage energy-efficient school build-
13	ing practices;
14	"(G) in the case of an application sub-
15	mitted by a State governmental entity, a de-
16	scription of the actions that the entity has
17	taken, or will take, to ensure that charter
18	schools within the State receive the funding the
19	charter schools need to have adequate facilities;
20	and
21	"(H) such other information as the Sec-
22	retary may reasonably require.
23	"(e) Charter School Objectives.—An eligible
24	entity receiving a grant under this section shall use the

funds deposited in the reserve account established under

- 1 subsection (f) to assist one or more charter schools to ac-
- 2 cess private sector capital to accomplish one or both of
- 3 the following objectives:

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- "(1) The acquisition (by purchase, lease, donation, or otherwise) of an interest (including an interest held by a third party for the benefit of a charter school) in improved or unimproved real property that is necessary to commence or continue the oper-
 - "(2) The construction of new facilities, including predevelopment costs, or the renovation, repair, or alteration of existing facilities, necessary to commence or continue the operation of a charter school.

"(f) Reserve Account.—

ation of a charter school.

"(1) USE OF FUNDS.—To assist charter schools to accomplish the objectives described in subsection (e), an eligible entity receiving a grant under subsection (a) shall, in accordance with State and local law, directly or indirectly, alone or in collaboration with others, deposit the funds received under subsection (a) (other than funds used for administrative costs in accordance with subsection (g) of this section) in a reserve account established and maintained by the eligible entity for this purpose. Amounts deposited in such account shall be used by

1	the eligible entity for one or more of the following
2	purposes:
3	"(A) Guaranteeing, insuring, and rein-
4	suring bonds, notes, evidences of debt, loans,
5	and interests therein, the proceeds of which are
6	used for an objective described in subsection
7	(e).
8	"(B) Guaranteeing and insuring leases of
9	personal and real property for an objective de-
10	scribed in subsection (e).
11	"(C) Facilitating financing by identifying
12	potential lending sources, encouraging private
13	lending, and other similar activities that di-
14	rectly promote lending to, or for the benefit of,
15	charter schools.
16	"(D) Facilitating the issuance of bonds by
17	charter schools, or by other public entities for
18	the benefit of charter schools, by providing
19	technical, administrative, and other appropriate
20	assistance (including the recruitment of bond
21	counsel, underwriters, and potential investors
22	and the consolidation of multiple charter school
23	projects within a single bond issue).
24	"(2) Investment.—Funds received under this

section and deposited in the reserve account estab-

1	lished under paragraph (1) shall be invested in obli-
2	gations issued or guaranteed by the United States or
3	a State, or in other similarly low-risk securities.
4	"(3) Reinvestment of Earnings.—Any earn-
5	ings on funds received under subsection (a) shall be
6	deposited in the reserve account established under
7	paragraph (1) and used in accordance with such
8	paragraph.
9	"(g) Limitation on Administrative Costs.—An
10	eligible entity may use not more than 2.5 percent of the
11	funds received under subsection (a) for the administrative
12	costs of carrying out its responsibilities under this section
13	(excluding subsection (k)).
14	"(h) Audits and Reports.—
15	"(1) Financial record maintenance and
16	AUDIT.—The financial records of each eligible entity
17	receiving a grant under subsection (a) shall be main-
18	tained in accordance with generally accepted ac-
19	counting principles and shall be subject to an annual
20	audit by an independent public accountant.
21	"(2) Reports.—
22	"(A) Grantee annual reports.—Each
23	eligible entity receiving a grant under sub-
24	section (a) annually shall submit to the Sec-

1	retary a report of its operations and activities
2	under this section.
3	"(B) Contents.—Each annual report
4	submitted under subparagraph (A) shall in-
5	clude—
6	"(i) a copy of the most recent finan-
7	cial statements, and any accompanying
8	opinion on such statements, prepared by
9	the independent public accountant review-
10	ing the financial records of the eligible en-
11	tity;
12	"(ii) a copy of any report made on an
13	audit of the financial records of the eligible
14	entity that was conducted under paragraph
15	(1) during the reporting period;
16	"(iii) an evaluation by the eligible en-
17	tity of the effectiveness of its use of the
18	Federal funds provided under subsection
19	(a) in leveraging private funds;
20	"(iv) a listing and description of the
21	charter schools served during the reporting
22	period, including the amount of funds used
23	by each school, the type of project facili-
24	tated by the grant, and the type of assist-
25	ance provided to the charter schools:

"(v) a description of the activities car-1 2 ried out by the eligible entity to assist 3 charter schools in meeting the objectives 4 set forth in subsection (e); and "(vi) a description of the characteris-6 tics of lenders and other financial institu-7 tions participating in the activities under-8 taken by the eligible entity under this sec-9 tion (excluding subsection (k)) during the 10 reporting period. 11 "(C) Secretarial Report.—The Sec-12 retary shall review the reports submitted under 13 subparagraph (A) and shall provide a com-14 prehensive annual report to Congress on the ac-15 tivities conducted under this section (excluding 16 subsection (k)). 17 "(i) No Full Faith and Credit for Grantee Obligation.—No financial obligation of an eligible entity 18 19 entered into pursuant to this section (such as an obligation under a guarantee, bond, note, evidence of debt, or 20 21 loan) shall be an obligation of, or guaranteed in any respect by, the United States. The full faith and credit of 23 the United States is not pledged to the payment of funds which may be required to be paid under any obligation

made by an eligible entity pursuant to any provision of 2 this section. 3 "(j) Recovery of Funds.— 4 "(1) In General.—The Secretary, in accord-5 ance with chapter 37 of title 31, United States 6 Code, shall collect— 7 "(A) all of the funds in a reserve account established by an eligible entity under sub-8 9 section (f)(1) if the Secretary determines, not 10 earlier than 2 years after the date on which the 11 eligible entity first received funds under this 12 section (excluding subsection (k)), that the eli-13 gible entity has failed to make substantial 14 progress in carrying out the purposes described 15 in subsection (f)(1); or "(B) all or a portion of the funds in a re-16 17 serve account established by an eligible entity 18 under subsection (f)(1) if the Secretary deter-19 mines that the eligible entity has permanently 20 ceased to use all or a portion of the funds in 21 such account to accomplish any purpose de-22 scribed in subsection (f)(1). 23 "(2) Exercise of Authority.—The Secretary 24 shall not exercise the authority provided in para-

graph (1) to collect from any eligible entity any

1	funds that are being properly used to achieve one or
2	more of the purposes described in subsection $(f)(1)$.
3	"(3) Procedures.—The provisions of sections
4	451, 452, and 458 of the General Education Provi-
5	sions Act shall apply to the recovery of funds under
6	paragraph (1).
7	"(4) Construction.—This subsection shall
8	not be construed to impair or affect the authority of
9	the Secretary to recover funds under part D of the
10	General Education Provisions Act.
11	"(k) Per-Pupil Facilities Aid Program.—
12	"(1) Definition of Per-Pupil facilities aid
13	PROGRAM.—In this subsection, the term 'per-pupil
14	facilities aid program' means a program in which a
15	State makes payments, on a per-pupil basis, to char-
16	ter schools to provide the schools with financing—
17	"(A) that is dedicated solely for funding
18	charter school facilities; or
19	"(B) a portion of which is dedicated for
20	funding charter school facilities.
21	"(2) Grants.—
22	"(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount re-
23	served under section 5202(b)(1) remaining
24	after the Secretary makes grants under sub-
25	section (a), the Secretary shall make grants, on

1	a competitive basis, to States to pay for the
2	Federal share of the cost of establishing or en-
3	hancing, and administering per-pupil facilities
4	aid programs.
5	"(B) Period.—The Secretary shall award
6	grants under this subsection for periods of not
7	more than 5 years.
8	"(C) Federal share.—The Federal
9	share of the cost described in subparagraph (A)
10	for a per-pupil facilities aid program shall be
11	not more than—
12	"(i) 90 percent of the cost, for the
13	first fiscal year for which the program re-
14	ceives assistance under this subsection;
15	"(ii) 80 percent in the second such
16	year;
17	"(iii) 60 percent in the third such
18	year;
19	"(iv) 40 percent in the fourth such
20	year; and
21	"(v) 20 percent in the fifth such year.
22	"(D) State share.—A State receiving a
23	grant under this subsection may partner with 1
24	or more organizations to provide up to 50 per-
25	cent of the State share of the cost of estab-

lishing or enhancing, and administering the per pupil facilities aid program.

"(E) MULTIPLE GRANTS.—A State may receive more than 1 grant under this subsection, so long as the amount of such funds provided to charter schools increases with each successive grant.

"(3) Use of funds.—

- "(A) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a grant under this subsection shall use the funds made available through the grant to establish or enhance, and administer, a per-pupil facilities aid program for charter schools in the State of the applicant.
- "(B) EVALUATIONS; TECHNICAL ASSIST-ANCE; DISSEMINATION.—From the amount made available to a State through a grant under this subsection for a fiscal year, the State may reserve not more than 5 percent to carry out evaluations, to provide technical assistance, and to disseminate information.
- "(C) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.— Funds made available under this subsection shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, State, and local public funds expended to pro-

1	vide per pupil facilities aid programs, oper-
2	ations financing programs, or other programs,
3	for charter schools.
4	"(4) Requirements.—
5	"(A) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—No
6	State may be required to participate in a pro-
7	gram carried out under this subsection.
8	"(B) STATE LAW.—
9	"(i) In general.—Except as pro-
10	vided in clause (ii), to be eligible to receive
11	a grant under this subsection, a State shall
12	establish or enhance, and administer, a
13	per-pupil facilities aid program for charter
14	schools in the State, that—
15	"(I) is specified in State law; and
16	"(II) provides annual financing,
17	on a per-pupil basis, for charter
18	school facilities.
19	"(ii) Special rule.—Notwith-
20	standing clause (i), a State that is required
21	under State law to provide its charter
22	schools with access to adequate facility
23	space, but which does not have a per-pupil
24	facilities aid program for charter schools
25	specified in State law, may be eligible to

1	receive a grant under this subsection if the
2	State agrees to use the funds to develop a
3	per-pupil facilities aid program consistent
4	with the requirements of this subsection.
5	"(5) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
6	grant under this subsection, a State shall submit an
7	application to the Secretary at such time, in such
8	manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
9	retary may require.".
10	SEC. 7. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
11	Section 5205 (20 U.S.C. 7221d) is amended to read
12	as follows:
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13	"SEC. 5205. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS FOR LOCAL
13 14	"SEC. 5205. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS FOR LOCAL ACTIVITIES.
14	ACTIVITIES.
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14151617	**(a) Technical Assistance and Best Practices.—From the amount reserved under section
14151617	**(a) Technical Assistance and Best Practices.—From the amount reserved under section 5202(b)(2) for carrying out this subsection, the Secretary
14 15 16 17 18	**(a) Technical Assistance and Best Practices.—From the amount reserved under section 5202(b)(2) for carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall—
141516171819	"(a) Technical Assistance and Best Practices.—From the amount reserved under section 5202(b)(2) for carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall— "(1) disseminate technical assistance to covered
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	"(a) Technical Assistance and Best Practices.—From the amount reserved under section 5202(b)(2) for carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall— "(1) disseminate technical assistance to covered entities in awarding subgrants under section 5203,
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	"(a) Technical Assistance and Best Practices.—From the amount reserved under section 5202(b)(2) for carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall— "(1) disseminate technical assistance to covered entities in awarding subgrants under section 5203, and eligible entities and States receiving grants
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	"(a) Technical Assistance and Best Practices.—From the amount reserved under section 5202(b)(2) for carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall— "(1) disseminate technical assistance to covered entities in awarding subgrants under section 5203, and eligible entities and States receiving grants under section 5204; and

1	the Secretary shall, in partnership with the Institute for
2	Education Sciences—
3	"(1) develop relevant performance metrics, in-
4	cluding student outcome data, for covered entities,
5	eligible applicants, and charter schools that receive
6	funds under section 5203;
7	"(2) assist such covered entities, eligible appli-
8	cants, and charter schools in collecting and submit-
9	ting, on an annual basis, data on such performance
10	metrics to the Secretary;
11	"(3) evaluate the performance of and conduct
12	related research to—
13	"(A) determine which policies and prac-
14	tices of covered entities, eligible applicants, and
15	charter schools have the greatest impact on stu-
16	dent achievement;
17	"(B) drive continuous improvement with
18	respect to relevant performance metrics, includ-
19	ing student outcome data, for covered entities,
20	eligible applicants, and charter schools that re-
21	ceive funds under section 5203; and
22	"(C) inform the distribution of funds to
23	higher performing covered entities, eligible ap-
24	plicants, and charter schools; and

"(4) disseminate the findings of the research, evaluation, and data collection under this subsection to maximize lessons learned for other educators, charter schools, and policy makers.

"(c) Grants for Local Activities.—

- "(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount reserved under section 5202(b)(3), the Secretary shall make grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible applicants for the purpose of carrying out the activities described in section 5202(a)(1), clauses (i) through (iii) of section 5203(a)(1)(A), and section 5203(g).
- "(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each grant awarded under this subsection shall have the same terms and conditions as a grant awarded to covered entities under section 5203, including the grant limitations described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) in section 5203(d)(1), except that—
 - "(A) a charter school that has previously used funds received under this subpart for planning or charter school program design to open a new charter school may not use funds under this subsection for such planning or program design; and

1	"(B) notwithstanding subparagraph (A)
2	an eligible applicant that is a charter manage-
3	ment organization may receive more than 1
4	grant under this subsection during a grant pe-
5	riod to expand a high-quality charter school
6	replicate a high-quality charter school model, or
7	open or one or more high-quality charter
8	schools that are based on the charter school
9	model for which the eligible applicant has pre-
10	sented evidence of success to the Secretary.
11	"(3) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
12	section—
13	"(A) the term 'charter management orga-
14	nization' a nonprofit organization, other non-
15	profit entity, or a group or consortium of such
16	organizations or entities that—
17	"(i) operates, manages, or oversees
18	multiple charter schools by centralizing or
19	sharing certain functions and resources
20	among such schools; or
21	"(ii) desires to open, replicate, or ex-
22	pand a high-quality charter school.
23	"(B) the term 'eligible applicant' means—

1	"(i) an eligible applicant (as defined
2	in section 5210) that has not received a
3	grant or subgrant under section 5203; or
4	"(ii) a charter management organiza-
5	tion.
6	"(d) Contracts and Grants.—The Secretary may
7	carry out any of the activities described in this section di-
8	rectly or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-
9	ments.".
10	SEC. 8. RECORDS TRANSFER.
11	Section 5208 (20 U.S.C. 7221g) is amended—
12	(1) by inserting "as quickly as possible and"
13	before "to the extent practicable"; and
14	(2) by striking "section 602" and inserting
15	"section 602(14)".
16	SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.
17	Section 5210 (20 U.S.C. 7221i) is amended—
18	(1) in paragraph (1)—
19	(A) in subparagraph (H) by inserting
20	"(which, if authorized under the State law of
21	the school and the school's charter agreement,
22	may be a lottery that gives added weight to stu-
23	dents eligible for free or reduced price lunch
24	under the Richard B. Russell National School
25	Lunch Act)" after "lottery";

1	(B) by striking "and" at the end of sub-
2	paragraph (K);
3	(C) by striking the period at the end of
4	subparagraph (L) and inserting "; and; and
5	(D) by adding at the end, the following:
6	"(M) may serve prekindergarten or post
7	secondary students.";
8	(2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking "under
9	section $5203(d)(3)$ "; and
10	(3) by adding at the end the following:
11	"(5) Expansion of a high-quality charter
12	SCHOOL.—The term 'expansion of a high-quality
13	charter school' means significantly increasing the en-
14	rollment of a high-quality charter school or adding
15	1 or more grades to such school.
16	"(6) High-quality charter school.—The
17	term 'high-quality charter school' means a charter
18	school that—
19	"(A) shows evidence of strong academic re-
20	sults, including through—
21	"(i) the percentage of students in the
22	proficient or advanced levels of achieve-
23	ments on the State academic assessments
24	required under section 1111(b)(3), com-

1	pared to demographically similar schools in
2	the State;
3	"(ii) the average student academic,
4	longitudinal growth from one school year
5	to next school year, if available and as de-
6	termined by the State, on the State aca-
7	demic assessments required under section
8	1111(b)(3) that is above such growth in
9	demographically similar schools in the
10	State;
11	"(iii) in the case of a charter school
12	that is a secondary school, high school
13	graduation rates; and
14	"(iv) college attendance and persist-
15	ence rates, when available;
16	"(B) has no significant issues in the areas
17	of student safety, financial management, or
18	statutory or regulatory compliance;
19	"(C) has demonstrated success in signifi-
20	cantly increasing student academic achievement
21	and attainment for all students served by the
22	charter school; and
23	"(D) has demonstrated success in—
24	"(i) increasing student academic
25	achievement as described in subparagraph

1 (A) for each group of students described in 2 section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) and served by 3 the charter school, except that such demonstration is not required in a case in which the number of students in a group 6 is insufficient to yield statistically reliable 7 information or the results would reveal 8 personally identifiable information about 9 an individual student; and 10 "(ii) closing achievement gaps be-11 tween each such group and all populations 12 served by the charter school. 13 "(7) HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOL 14 MODEL.—The term 'high-quality charter school 15 model' means a high-quality charter school that has 16 the capability of opening another such charter school 17 under an existing charter, such as a feeder middle

20 SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

feeds students into.".

Section 5211 (20 U.S.C. 7221j) is amended to read

school or a secondary school that a middle school

22 as follows:

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1 "SEC. 5211. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- 2 "There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
- 3 this subpart \$330,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 and each
- 4 of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.".

5 SEC. 11. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

- 6 (a) Repeal.—Subpart 2 of part B of title V (20
- 7 U.S.C. 7223 et seq.) is repealed.
- 8 (b) Table of Contents in
- 9 section 2 is amended—
- 10 (1) by striking the item relating to section 5203
- and inserting the following:
 - "Sec. 5203. Grants to support high-quality charter schools.";
- 12 (2) by striking the item relating to section 5204
- and inserting the following:
 - "Sec. 5204. Facilities Financing Assistance.";
- 14 and
- 15 (3) by striking subpart 2 of part B of title V.

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