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To use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary schools and secondary schools.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) 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 “All Year School Study
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Section 5411 of the
3 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 7243) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraph (9) as
7 paragraph (10); and

8 (B) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
9 following:

10 “(9) Activities to establish or expand programs
11 providing year-round education at public elementary
12 schools or secondary schools that—

13 “(A) focus on raising student achievement,
14 using research- and evidence-based practices;
15 and

16 “(B) may include increasing the salaries of
17 teachers who agree to work in the year-round
18 education programs by an amount not to exceed
19 100 percent.”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(e) PILOT PROGRAM FOR YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL
22 ACTIVITIES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts de-
24 scribed in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall carry
25 out a multi-year pilot program that awards 4 grants,
26 to eligible entities described in paragraph (3), to

1 carry out the activities described in subsection
2 (b)(9).

3 “(2) FUNDING LIMIT FOR THE PILOT PRO-
4 GRAM.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
6 use, from the amounts provided under section
7 5401 for fiscal years 2015 through 2018 for
8 this subpart, a total of \$4,000,000 to carry out
9 the pilot program described in paragraph (1),
10 subject to subparagraph (B).

11 “(B) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall
12 reserve 5 percent of the total amount of funds
13 made available under subparagraph (A) to
14 carry out the independent evaluation described
15 in paragraph (5).

16 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Entities described
17 in subsection (a), except for institutions of higher
18 education or private entities, shall be eligible for
19 grants under this subsection.

20 “(4) AWARD BASIS.—In awarding grants under
21 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

22 “(A) give a priority to eligible entities
23 that—

24 “(i) propose to use grant funds to
25 carry out year-round education activities

1 that emphasize science, technology, engi-
2 neering, and mathematics; and

3 “(ii) target the year-round education
4 activities to be carried out under the grant
5 to—

6 “(I) areas with large populations,
7 or high concentrations, of low-income
8 individuals; and

9 “(II) low-performing schools; and

10 “(B) ensure an equitable distribution of
11 such grants across diverse geographic areas.

12 “(5) INDEPENDENT EVALUATION.—The Sec-
13 retary shall enter into a contract with an entity to—

14 “(A) provide an independent evaluation of
15 the effectiveness of the pilot program carried
16 out under this subsection; and

17 “(B) prepare and submit a report to the
18 Secretary and Congress, by not later than 180
19 days after the conclusion of the pilot program
20 under this subsection, that summarizes the re-
21 sults of the evaluation.

22 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
23 this subsection shall be construed to alter or other-
24 wise affect the rights, remedies, and procedures af-
25 forded to school or school district employees under

1 Federal, State, or local laws (including applicable
2 regulations, court orders, or requirements that
3 school districts negotiate, or meet and confer, in
4 good faith) or under the terms of collective bar-
5 gaining agreements, memoranda of understanding,
6 or other agreements between such employers and
7 their employees.”.

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