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H. R. 2545

To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Simon Wiesenthal Hol-
5 ocaust Education Assistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.**

7 Part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary
8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7241 et seq.) is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following new subpart:

1 **“Subpart 22—Holocaust Education Assistance**
2 **Program**

3 **“SEC. 5631. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

4 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 “(1) The Holocaust was a historical event that
6 resulted in the systemic, state-sponsored, mass mur-
7 ders by Nazi Germany of 6,000,000 Jews, along
8 with millions of others, in the name of racial purity.

9 “(2) Six States (California, Florida, Illinois, In-
10 diana, New Jersey, and New York) now mandate
11 that the Holocaust be taught in the educational cur-
12 riculum, and 11 States (Alabama, Connecticut,
13 Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Caro-
14 lina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington, and
15 West Virginia) recommend teaching the Holocaust
16 but the funds necessary to carry out those rec-
17 ommendations may not be available.

18 “(3) The Holocaust is a sensitive and difficult
19 subject to teach effectively, and educators need ap-
20 propriate teaching tools and training to increase
21 their knowledge of the Holocaust and enhance the
22 educational experience.

23 “(b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of
24 this subpart—

25 “(1) to educate students in the United States
26 so that they—

1 “(A) may explore the lessons that the Hol-
2 ocaust provides for all people; and

3 “(B) may be less susceptible to the false-
4 hood of Holocaust denial and to the destructive
5 messages of hate that arise from Holocaust de-
6 nial; and

7 “(2) to provide resources and support for edu-
8 cational programs that—

9 “(A) portray accurate historical informa-
10 tion about the Holocaust;

11 “(B) sensitize communities to the cir-
12 cumstances that gave rise to the Holocaust;

13 “(C) convey the lessons that the Holocaust
14 provides for all people; and

15 “(D) develop curriculum guides and pro-
16 vide training to help teachers incorporate the
17 study of the Holocaust and its lessons into
18 mainstream disciplines.

19 **“SEC. 5632. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

20 “The Secretary is authorized to award grants to edu-
21 cational organizations to carry out proposed or existing
22 Holocaust educational programs.

23 **“SEC. 5633. APPLICATION.**

24 “The Secretary may award a grant under this sub-
25 part only to an educational organization that has sub-

mitted an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“SEC. 5634. USE OF GRANTS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—An educational organization receiving a grant under this subpart may use the grant only to carry out the Holocaust education program for which the grant was provided.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—An educational organization receiving a grant under this subpart shall comply with the following requirements:

“(1) CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—The educational organization shall, throughout the period that the educational organization receives and uses the grant, continue to be an educational organization.

“(2) SUPPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING FUNDS.—The educational organization shall ensure that the grant is used to supplement, and not supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be available to the educational organization to carry out the Holocaust education program for which the grant was provided.

“(c) ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require additional terms and conditions in connection with

1 the use of grants provided under this subpart as the Sec-
2 retary considers appropriate.

3 “(d) COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.—The Secretary
4 should encourage educational organizations to work coop-
5 eratively with State educational agencies or local edu-
6 cational agencies in applying for and using grants under
7 this subpart.

8 **“SEC. 5635. SELECTION CRITERIA.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
10 grants under this subpart in accordance with competitive
11 criteria to be established by the Secretary.

12 “(b) CONSULTATION WITH HOLOCAUST EDU-
13 CATORS.—In establishing the competitive criteria under
14 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with a number
15 of prominent educators in the field of Holocaust edu-
16 cation, to be determined by the Secretary.

17 **“SEC. 5636. REVIEW AND SANCTIONS.**

18 “(a) ANNUAL REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review
19 at least annually each educational organization receiving
20 a grant under this subpart to determine the extent to
21 which the educational organization has complied with the
22 provisions of this subpart and the regulations issued under
23 this subpart.

24 “(b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The Secretary
25 may impose one or more sanctions, to be determined by

1 the Secretary, on an educational organization for the fail-
2 ure of the educational organization to comply substantially
3 with the provisions of this subpart or the regulations
4 issued under this subpart.

5 **“SEC. 5637. ANNUAL REPORT.**

6 “Not later than February 1 of each year, the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to the Congress a report describing
8 the activities carried out under this subpart and con-
9 taining any related information that the Secretary con-
10 sider appropriate.

11 **“SEC. 5638. DEFINITIONS.**

12 “In this subpart:

13 “(1) EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION.—The term
14 ‘educational organization’ means an entity—

15 “(A) described in section 501(c)(3) of the
16 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

17 “(B) exempt from tax under section
18 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

19 and

20 “(C) organized and operated for cultural,
21 literary, or educational purposes.

22 “(2) HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROGRAM.—The
23 term ‘Holocaust education program’ means a pro-
24 gram that—

1 “(A) has as its specific and primary pur-
2 pose to improve awareness and understanding
3 of the Holocaust; and

4 “(B) to achieve such purpose, furnishes
5 one or more of the following:

6 “(i) Educational materials.

7 “(ii) Student and school-based activi-
8 ties, including field trips.

9 “(iii) Teacher training.

10 “(iv) Any other good or service de-
11 signed to improve awareness and under-
12 standing of the Holocaust.

13 “(3) HOLOCAUST.—The term ‘Holocaust’
14 means the systemic, state-sponsored, mass murders
15 by Nazi Germany of 6,000,000 Jews, and millions of
16 others, in the name of racial purity.

17 **“SEC. 5639. REGULATIONS.**

18 “The Secretary shall issue any regulations necessary
19 to carry out this subpart.

20 **“SEC. 5640. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
22 retary for the first fiscal year beginning on or after the
23 date of enactment of this subpart, and for each of the four
24 succeeding fiscal years, \$2,000,000 for grants under this

1 subpart. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subpart
 2 shall remain available until expended.”.

3 **SEC. 3. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

4 The table of contents of the Elementary and Sec-
 5 ondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by adding after
 6 the item relating to section 5618 the following:

“Subpart 22—Holocaust Education Assistance Program

“Sec. 5631. Findings and purposes.
 “Sec. 5632. Program authorized.
 “Sec. 5633. Application.
 “Sec. 5634. Use of grants.
 “Sec. 5635. Selection criteria.
 “Sec. 5636. Review and sanctions.
 “Sec. 5637. Annual report.
 “Sec. 5638. Definitions.
 “Sec. 5439. Regulations.
 “Sec. 5640. Authorization of appropriations.”.

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