

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3096

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to State and local educational agencies for the establishment, improvement, and expansion of world language education programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. LANCE, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) 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. WORLD LANGUAGE ADVANCEMENT GRANT**
4 **PROGRAM.**

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

1 **“Subpart 22—World Language Advancement Act**

2 **“SEC. 5621. SHORT TITLE.**

3 “This subpart may be cited as the ‘World Language
4 Advancement Act of 2015’.

5 **“SEC. 5622. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

6 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
8 to make grants, on a competitive basis, to State edu-
9 cational agencies or local educational agencies to pay
10 the Federal share of the cost of innovative model
11 programs providing for the establishment, improve-
12 ment, or expansion of world language study for ele-
13 mentary school and secondary school students.

14 “(2) DURATION.—Each grant under paragraph
15 (1) shall be awarded for a period of 3 years.

16 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

17 “(1) GRANTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
18 CIES.—In awarding a grant under subsection (a) to
19 a State educational agency, the Secretary shall sup-
20 port programs that promote systemic approaches to
21 improving world language learning in the State.

22 “(2) GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
23 CIES.—In awarding a grant under subsection (a) to
24 a local educational agency, the Secretary shall sup-
25 port programs that—

1 “(A) show the promise of being continued
2 beyond the grant period;

3 “(B) demonstrate approaches that can be
4 disseminated and duplicated in other local edu-
5 cational agencies; and

6 “(C) may include a professional develop-
7 ment component.

8 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share for each
10 fiscal year shall be 50 percent.

11 “(2) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1),
12 the Secretary may determine the Federal share for
13 any local educational agency which the Secretary de-
14 termines does not have adequate resources to pay
15 the non-Federal share of the cost of the activities as-
16 sisted under this subpart.

17 “(d) SPECIAL RULE.—Not less than 75 percent of
18 the funds made available under section 5401 to carry out
19 this subpart shall be used for the expansion of world lan-
20 guage learning in the elementary grades.

21 “(e) RESERVATION.—The Secretary may reserve not
22 more than 5 percent of funds made available under section
23 5401 to carry out this subpart for a fiscal year to evaluate
24 the efficacy of programs assisted under this subpart.

1 **“SEC. 5623. APPLICATIONS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any State educational agency or
3 local educational agency desiring a grant under this sub-
4 part shall submit an application to the Secretary at such
5 time, in such manner, and containing such information
6 and assurances as the Secretary may require.

7 “(b) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—The Secretary shall
8 give special consideration to applications describing pro-
9 grams that—

10 “(1) include intensive summer world language
11 programs for professional development of world lan-
12 guage teachers;

13 “(2) link nonnative English speakers in the
14 community with the schools in order to promote two-
15 way language learning;

16 “(3) promote the sequential study of a world
17 language for students, beginning in elementary
18 schools;

19 “(4) make effective use of technology, such as
20 computer-assisted instruction, language laboratories,
21 or distance learning, to promote world language
22 study;

23 “(5) promote innovative activities, such as
24 world language immersion, partial world language
25 immersion, or content-based instruction; and

1 “(6) are carried out through a consortium com-
 2 prised of the agency receiving the grant and an ele-
 3 mentary school or secondary school.

4 **“SEC. 5624. DEFINITION.**

5 “‘In this subpart, the term ‘world language’ means
 6 any natural language other than English, including clas-
 7 sical languages, American sign language, and Native
 8 American languages.”.

9 **SEC. 2. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

10 The table of contents for the Elementary and Sec-
 11 ondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by inserting
 12 after the item relating to section 5618 the following:

 “SUBPART 22. WORLD LANGUAGE ADVANCEMENT ACT

 “Sec. 5621. Short title.

 “Sec. 5622. Program authorized.

 “Sec. 5623. Applications.

 “Sec. 5624. Definition.”.

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