

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6960

To provide for a grant program to support access to free eye care services for students attending public elementary schools and secondary schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. TORRES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. VELA, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for a grant program to support access to free eye care services for students attending public elementary schools and secondary schools.

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 “See the Board Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO FREE**  
2 **EYE CARE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AT PUB-**  
3 **LIC SCHOOLS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health  
6 and Human Services shall, subject to subsection (d), es-  
7 tablish a grant program under which the Secretary awards  
8 grants to eligible entities that provide a qualifying eye care  
9 services program to purchase portable or mobile optometry  
10 equipment and to pay for appropriate operational costs,  
11 including direct health care or service delivery costs, for  
12 the provision of free eye care services through such pro-  
13 gram to students attending public elementary schools or  
14 secondary schools (as such terms are defined in section  
15 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
16 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).

17 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—For purposes  
18 of this section, an eligible entity is a nonprofit organiza-  
19 tion.

20 (c) QUALIFYING EYE CARE SERVICES PROGRAM.—  
21 For purposes of this section, the term “qualifying eye care  
22 services program” means a program under which such  
23 services are furnished free of charge to students attending  
24 public elementary schools or secondary schools (as such  
25 terms are defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and  
26 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801))

1 through the use of mobile eye clinics or mobile clinics that  
2 use portable equipment to bring screenings, exams, and  
3 an optical shop to such students. Such a program may  
4 use qualified health care providers at such schools or oph-  
5 thalmic technicians for screening, optometrists or ophthal-  
6 mologists for follow-up examinations, and an optician and  
7 dispensary for such students to be given glasses at such  
8 schools.

9 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
10 gress that eligible entities awarded grants under this sec-  
11 tion should, to the greatest extent possible, provide infor-  
12 mation to students described in subsection (a) and parents  
13 of such students about the importance of adhering to the  
14 medically recommended schedule for comprehensive eye  
15 exams.

16 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
18 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
19 2019 through 2024.

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