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To provide funds to local educational agencies for personal protective equipment for educators and other staff, and students.

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Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. MFUME, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. POCAN, Mr. VELA, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. FUDGE, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To provide funds to local educational agencies for personal protective equipment for educators and other staff, and students.

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 “PPE for Safe Schools
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PPE FOR SCHOOLS.**

2 (a) GRANTS TO STATES.—

3 (1) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Edu-
5 cation, in consultation with the Secretary of
6 Health and Human Services, shall make grants
7 in the amount described in subparagraph (A) to
8 each State educational agency with an approved
9 application.

10 (B) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The amount of
11 each grant under subparagraph (A) shall be al-
12 located by the Secretary to each State edu-
13 cational agency in the same proportion as the
14 State educational agency received under part A
15 of title I of the Elementary and Secondary
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et
17 seq.) for the most recent fiscal year.

18 (2) APPLICATIONS.—

19 (A) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—To re-
20 ceive a grant under this section, a State edu-
21 cational agency shall submit to the Secretary an
22 application at such time, in such manner, and
23 containing such information as the Secretary
24 may reasonably require.

25 (B) SECRETARIAL NOTIFICATIONS.—

1 (i) INVITING APPLICATIONS.—The
2 Secretary shall issue a notice inviting ap-
3 plications not later than 30 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act.

5 (ii) APPROVAL OR DENIAL.—The Sec-
6 retary shall approve or deny an application
7 for a grant under this section not later
8 than 30 days after receipt of the applica-
9 tion.

10 (3) USES OF FUNDS.—A State educational that
11 receives a grant under this Act—

12 (A) shall use to not less than 98 percent
13 of the grant to award subgrants to local edu-
14 cational agencies in the State in proportion to
15 the amount of funds each such local educational
16 agency received under part A of title I of the
17 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
18 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) for the most re-
19 cent fiscal year; and

20 (B) may reserve up to 2 percent for ad-
21 ministrative costs and emergency needs with re-
22 spect to COVID–19, as determined by the State
23 educational agency.

24 (b) SUBGRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
25 CIES.—

1 (1) APPLICATIONS.—To receive a subgrant
2 under this section, a local educational agency shall
3 submit an application to the appropriate State edu-
4 cational agency at such time, in such manner, and
5 containing such information as the State educational
6 agency may require.

7 (2) USES OF FUNDS.—A local educational agen-
8 cy that receives a subgrant under this section shall
9 use the subgrant for one or more of the following:

10 (A) Purchasing supplies to sanitize and
11 clean the facilities of, and the buses used by,
12 the elementary schools and secondary schools
13 served by such local educational agency.

14 (B) Purchasing personal protective equip-
15 ment for educators and other staff, and stu-
16 dents.

17 (C) Providing training on the use of the
18 equipment and supplies described in subpara-
19 graphs (A) and (B).

20 (D) Hiring additional support staff for the
21 cleaning and sanitization described in subpara-
22 graph (A).

23 (c) REPORTING.—Not later than 90 days after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
25 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-

1 sions of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of
2 the Senate, the Committee on Education and Labor of the
3 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Approp-
4 riations of the House of Representatives a report that
5 includes—

6 (1) the amount of each grant awarded under
7 this Act, and the State educational agency receiving
8 the grant; and

9 (2) the percentage of students benefitting from
10 funds awarded under this Act who are eligible for
11 free or reduced price lunch under the Richard B.
12 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751
13 et seq.).

14 (d) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of
15 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
16 \$17,000,000,000, to remain available through fiscal year
17 2021, to make grants under this section.

18 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the terms “elemen-
19 tary school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary
20 school”, “Secretary”, “State”, and “State educational
21 agency” have the meanings given the terms in section
22 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
23 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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