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To provide for elementary and secondary school library media resources,
technology enhancement, training and improvement.

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Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. MINK, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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Deleted sponsor: Mr. MFUME (added April 21, 1993; deleted November 22,
1993)

A BILL

To provide for elementary and secondary school library media
resources, technology enhancement, training and im-
provement.

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 “Elementary and Sec-
5 ondary School Library Media Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

8 (1) in order to prepare our Nation’s children
9 for the challenges of the future, as well as keeping
10 our Nation competitive in a global economy, every
11 elementary and secondary school in the United
12 States should be equipped with the best and most
13 up-to-date library resources, certified library media
14 specialists, access to advanced technology, and in-
15 struction on the use of library and information re-
16 sources;

17 (2) our Nation’s elementary and secondary
18 school libraries are primarily dependent on a core of
19 deteriorating and out-of-date library materials pur-
20 chased with original funding from the Elementary
21 and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

22 (3) school library media center expenditures,
23 when adjusted for inflation, have declined 16 percent
24 in public schools since 1979; and

1 (4) small and rural school libraries are further
2 disadvantaged because of small budgets based on
3 low student enrollments, and limited access to re-
4 sources, services, and personnel.

5 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of
6 this Act to—

7 (1) establish within the Department of Edu-
8 cation Office of Educational Research and Improve-
9 ment a Division of Elementary and Secondary
10 School Library Media Services to provide informa-
11 tion and leadership to school library media programs
12 and personnel nationwide;

13 (2) provide continued funding for elementary
14 and secondary school library media program im-
15 provement, equity, innovation, and technological ad-
16 vancement;

17 (3) establish a partnership program for elemen-
18 tary and secondary school teachers and school li-
19 brary media specialists to jointly design resource and
20 curriculum-based instructional activities that provide
21 opportunities for students to access a broad diversity
22 of resources and information, and other languages
23 and cultures, including materials that will encourage
24 understanding; and

1 (4) establish a partnership program for encour-
2 aging uses of technology and the sharing of informa-
3 tion and access to resources by elementary and sec-
4 ondary school students, school library media special-
5 ists, and teachers.

6 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIVISION**
7 **OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL**
8 **LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES.**

9 (a) DIVISION ESTABLISHED.—Section 209 of the De-
10 partment of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3419)
11 is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(a) OFFICE.—” before
13 “‘There’”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(b) DIVISION.—There is established within the Of-
17 fice of Educational Research and Improvement a Division
18 of Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Serv-
19 ices, to be administered by a Director of such Division.”.

20 (b) FUNCTIONS OF THE DIVISION.—Part A of title
21 IV of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C.
22 1221c) is amended by inserting after section 405 the fol-
23 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 405A. DIVISION OF LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES.**

2 “(a) FUNCTIONS.—The Division of Elementary and
3 Secondary School Library Media Services established in
4 section 209(b) of the Department of Education Organiza-
5 tion Act shall—

6 “(1) provide information and leadership to ele-
7 mentary and secondary school library media special-
8 ists, teachers, and school administrators in order to
9 encourage improvement of educational programs,
10 train library personnel, use advanced technology,
11 and develop library resources, including resources
12 that will encourage students to acquire skills in
13 other languages; and

14 “(2) monitor and administer—

15 “(A) the grant programs for elementary
16 and secondary school library media center re-
17 source development;

18 “(B) elementary and secondary school li-
19 brary media specialist and teacher partnership
20 grants for innovative education; and

21 “(C) grants for uses of technology in the
22 classroom that are linked to the library media
23 center.

24 “(b) ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LI-
25 BRARY MEDIA PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELEMENTARY
2 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA RE-
3 SOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—The Director
4 shall award grants from allocations under paragraph
5 (2) to States for the acquisition of school library
6 media resources for the use of students, library
7 media specialists, and teachers in public elementary
8 and secondary schools.

9 “(2) ALLOCATION TO STATES.—From the
10 amount appropriated pursuant to the authority of
11 paragraph (5) in each fiscal year, the Director shall
12 allocate to each State having an approved plan
13 under paragraph (3) an amount which bears the
14 same relationship to such funds as the amount such
15 State received under chapter 2 of title I of the Ele-
16 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in
17 such year bears to the amount all States received
18 under such chapter in such year.

19 “(3) STATE PLANS.—In order for a State to re-
20 ceive an allocation of funds under paragraph (2) for
21 any fiscal year such State shall have in effect for
22 such fiscal year a State plan. Such plan shall—

23 “(A) designate the State educational agen-
24 cy as the State agency responsible for the ad-

1 ministration and supervision of the program de-
2 scribed in this section;

3 “(B) set forth a program under which
4 funds paid to the State from its allocation
5 under paragraph (2) will be expended solely
6 for—

7 “(i) acquisition of school library media
8 resources, including foreign language re-
9 sources, for the use of students, school li-
10 brary media specialists, and teachers in el-
11 ementary and secondary schools in the
12 United States; and

13 “(ii) administration of the State plan,
14 including development and revision of
15 standards relating to school library media
16 resources, except that the amount used for
17 administration of the State plan in any fis-
18 cal year shall not exceed 5 percent of the
19 amount allocated to such State under
20 paragraph (2) for such fiscal year; and

21 “(C) set forth the criteria to be used in al-
22 lotting funds for school library media resources
23 among the local educational agencies of the
24 State, which allotment shall take into consider-

1 ation the relative need of the students, school
2 media specialists, and teachers to be served.

3 “(4) DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOCATION TO LOCAL
4 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

5 “(A) DISTRIBUTION RULE.—From the
6 funds allocated to a State under paragraph (2)
7 in each fiscal year, such State shall distribute
8 not less than 95 percent of such funds in such
9 year to local educational agencies within such
10 State according to the relative enrollment of
11 students in public elementary and secondary
12 schools within the school districts of such State,
13 adjusted to provide higher per-pupil allotments
14 to local educational agencies that have the
15 greatest number or percentages of students
16 whose education imposes a higher than average
17 cost per child, such as those students—

18 “(i) living in areas with high con-
19 centrations of low-income families;

20 “(ii) from low-income families; and

21 “(iii) living in sparsely populated
22 areas.

23 “(B) CALCULATION OF ENROLLMENT.—

24 The calculation of relative enrollments under
25 subparagraph (A) shall be made on the basis of

1 the total number of students enrolled in public
2 schools in the State.

3 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There are authorized to be appropriated
5 \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as
6 may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal
7 years to carry out this subsection.

8 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY
9 MEDIA SPECIALIST AND TEACHER PARTNERSHIPS FOR
10 INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION PROGRAM.—

11 “(1) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Director
12 shall award grants for projects that—

13 “(A) encourage collaboration between pub-
14 lic elementary and secondary school library
15 media specialists and teachers in order to de-
16 velop units of instruction that enable elemen-
17 tary and secondary school students to use a va-
18 riety of information resources; and

19 “(B) expand students’ information-gather-
20 ing abilities and cognitive skills of selection,
21 analysis, evaluation, and application.

22 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 There are authorized to be appropriated
24 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as

1 may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal
2 years to carry out this subsection.

3 “(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE USES OF TECH-
4 NOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM.—

5 “(1) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall
7 award grants to encourage collaborative elemen-
8 tary and secondary school library media special-
9 ist and teacher programs designed to—

10 “(i) expand the use of computers and
11 computer networks in the curriculum; and

12 “(ii) enable elementary and secondary
13 school library media centers to access in-
14 formation from computerized databases.

15 “(B) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The
16 Director may enter into cooperative agreements
17 with the National Science Foundation and other
18 appropriate nonprofit agencies and organiza-
19 tions in carrying out this section.

20 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

21 There are authorized to be appropriated
22 \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as
23 may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal
24 years to carry out this subsection.

1 “(e) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
2 be construed to interfere with State and local initiative
3 and responsibility in the conduct and support of school
4 library media services, the administration of school library
5 media centers, or the selection of personnel or library
6 books and materials.

7 “(f) SUPPLEMENTATION.—Funds provided under
8 this section shall be used so as to supplement and not sup-
9 plant other Federal, State, or local funds available to carry
10 out the activities and services assisted under this section.

11 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this sec-
12 tion—

13 “(1) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
14 the Division of Elementary and Secondary School
15 Library Media Services established pursuant to sec-
16 tion 209(b) of the Department of Education Organi-
17 zation Act;

18 “(2) the term ‘elementary school’ has the same
19 meaning given to such term by section 1471(8) of
20 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
21 1965;

22 “(3) the term ‘local educational agency’ has the
23 same meaning given to such term by section
24 1471(12) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
25 cation Act of 1965;

1 “(4) the term ‘secondary school’ has the same
2 meaning given to such term by section 1471(21) of
3 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
4 1965;

5 “(5) the term ‘State’ means each of the several
6 States of the United States, the District of Colum-
7 bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin
8 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Common-
9 wealth of the Northern Marianna Islands, the Re-
10 public of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States
11 of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau; and

12 “(6) the term ‘State educational agency’ has
13 the same meaning given to such term by section
14 1471(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
15 cation Act of 1965.”.

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