

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2270

To improve the quality of education in the District of Columbia by allowing choice for parents of elementary and secondary school students.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 1993

Mr. DELAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4        The Congress finds that—

5            (1) in 1991 the average score for the Scholastic  
6        Aptitude Test in the District of Columbia was 702  
7        compared to a national average score of 896;

8            (2) the District of Columbia ranks 48 out of 51  
9        States with a high school graduation rate of less  
10        than 62 percent in 1990; and

1           (3) for the 1989–1990 school year, the District  
2           of Columbia spent \$8,904 for each student com-  
3           pared with the national average cost of \$4,960.

4 **SEC. 2. VOUCHERS TO PARENTS IN THE DISTRICT OF CO-**  
5 **LUMBIA.**

6           A parent or legal guardian of an elementary or sec-  
7           ondary student who lives in the District of Columbia is  
8           eligible to receive a voucher that equals the cost of the  
9           average per student expenditure (using the most recent  
10          available school year figures) for each child to be used for  
11          an accredited elementary or secondary school.

12 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

13          A parent or guardian who meets the requirements of  
14          section 2 and wishes to receive a voucher under this Act  
15          shall submit an application each year for each child to the  
16          designated office in the District of Columbia.

17 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18          The vouchers made available under this Act shall be  
19          made available for the school year that begins not later  
20          than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this  
21          Act.

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