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H. R. 2712

To establish an additional National Education Goal relating to parental participation in both the formal and informal education of their children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1993

Mr. McCURDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Education
5 Goal for Parental Participation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) parents and families are the child's first
2 and primary teacher and a continuing influence
3 throughout the school years;

4 (2) children whose parents are involved in the
5 educational process at home and at school dem-
6 onstrate higher academic achievement levels than do
7 children who have similar aptitude and family back-
8 grounds and who have parents who are not involved;

9 (3) student behavior and achievement improves
10 in schools that establish strong communication with
11 parents and institute programs that utilize the
12 talents of parents in policy formation and
13 implementation;

14 (4) recent surveys have shown that while more
15 parents are becoming involved in some way with
16 their child's education, far too many parents are
17 faced with institutional barriers to involvement;

18 (5) effective parental involvement programs
19 that are already in place should be disseminated as
20 models to school districts around the country;

21 (6) the Federal Government has established ex-
22 cellent opportunities for parents to become involved
23 in Head Start programs, programs for children who
24 are disabled, and programs for children under chap-

1 ter 1 of title I of the Elementary and Secondary
2 Education Act of 1965;

3 (7) such opportunities need to be provided in
4 other preschool, elementary and secondary pro-
5 grams;

6 (8) there is limited research and professional
7 development opportunity for teachers and adminis-
8 trators in implementing parent involvement pro-
9 grams; and

10 (9) as a condition that is fundamental to the
11 successful achievement of the first six National Edu-
12 cation Goals, parental involvement should be recog-
13 nized as a Goal in itself.

14 **SEC. 3. NEW EDUCATION GOAL.**

15 (a) GOAL.—It shall be established by the National
16 Education Goals Panel as a National Education Goal, that
17 by the year 2000, every school and home will engage in
18 partnerships that will increase parental involvement and
19 participation in promoting the social, emotional and aca-
20 demic growth of children.

21 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Goal estab-
22 lished under subsection (a) are that—

23 (1) every State will develop policies to assist
24 local schools and school districts to establish pro-
25 grams for increasing partnerships that respond to

1 the varying needs of parents and the home, includ-
2 ing parents of children who are disadvantaged, bilin-
3 gual or disabled;

4 (2) every school will actively engage parents
5 and families in a partnership which supports the
6 academic work of children at home and shared edu-
7 cational decision-making at school;

8 (3) every home will be responsible for creating
9 an environment of respect for education, providing
10 the physical and emotional support needed for learn-
11 ing; and

12 (4) parents and families will help to ensure that
13 schools are adequately supported and will hold
14 schools and teachers to high standards of account-
15 ability.

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