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To reauthorize the National Writing Project, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. UNSOELD, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MAZZOLI, Mr. FROST, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. MFUME) 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 Writing
5 Project Reauthorization Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Section 201 of the Education Council Act of 1991
8 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Act”) is amend-
9 ed—

1 (1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(2) the writing problem has been magnified by
4 the rapidly changing student populations in the Na-
5 tion’s schools and the growing number of students
6 who are at risk because of limited-English pro-
7 ficiency;”;

8 (2) in paragraph (6)—

9 (A) by inserting “writing and reading are
10 both fundamental to learning, yet writing has
11 been historically neglected in the schools and
12 colleges, and” before “most”; and

13 (B) by striking the comma before “have”;

14 (3) by amending paragraph (10) to read as fol-
15 lows:

16 “(10) the National Writing Project has become
17 a model for programs to improve teaching in such
18 other fields as mathematics, science, history, lit-
19 erature, performing arts, and foreign languages;”;

20 (4) by amending paragraph (15) to read as fol-
21 lows:

22 “(15) each year over 100,000 teachers volun-
23 tarily seek training in National Writing Project in-
24 tensive summer institutes and workshops and school-
25 year in-service programs through one of the 154 re-

1 regional sites located in 45 States, the Commonwealth
2 of Puerto Rico, and in 4 sites that serve United
3 States teachers teaching in United States dependent
4 and independent schools;”;

5 (5) by striking paragraph (17);

6 (6) by redesignating paragraph (18) as para-
7 graph (17);

8 (7) in paragraph (17) (as redesignated in para-
9 graph (7)), by striking the period at the end thereof
10 and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (8) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraphs:

13 “(18) independent evaluation studies have
14 found the National Writing Project to be highly cost
15 effective compared to other professional development
16 programs for teachers; and

17 “(19) during 1991, the first year of Federal
18 support for the National Writing Project, the Na-
19 tional Writing Project matched the \$1,951,975 in
20 Federal support with \$9,485,504 in matching funds
21 from State, local, and other sources.”.

22 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT.**

23 Section 202 of the Act is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (d)—

25 (A) in paragraph (3)—

1 (i) by striking the subparagraph des-
2 ignation “(A)”; and

3 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and
4 (B) by striking paragraph (4);

5 (2) in subsection (e)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
7 (A) of paragraph (1), by striking “to enable”
8 and inserting “to pay the Federal share of the
9 cost of enabling”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(4) FEDERAL SHARE.—For the purpose of
13 this subsection the term “Federal share” means,
14 with respect to the costs of activities assisted under
15 this subsection, 50 percent of such costs to the ele-
16 mentary or secondary school teacher.”;

17 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
18 lows:

19 “(g) EVALUATION.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall con-
21 duct an independent evaluation of the teacher train-
22 ing programs assisted under this section. Such eval-
23 uation shall specify the amount of funds expended
24 by the National Writing Project and each contractor
25 receiving assistance under this section. The results

1 of such evaluation shall be made available to the ap-
2 propriate committees of the Congress.

3 “(2) FUNDING LIMITATION.—The Secretary
4 shall reserve not more than \$150,000 from the total
5 amount appropriated pursuant to the authority of
6 subsection (i) for fiscal year 1994 and the 4 suc-
7 ceeding fiscal years to conduct the evaluation de-
8 scribed in paragraph (1).”;

9 (4) by amending subsection (h) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(h) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—

12 “(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From amounts
13 appropriated pursuant to the authority of subsection
14 (i)(2), the National Writing Project shall make
15 grants to individuals and institutions of higher edu-
16 cation that either have participated in a National
17 Writing Project institute or are institutions des-
18 ignated as National Writing Project sites, to enable
19 such individuals and institutions to conduct research
20 activities involving the teaching of writing.

21 “(2) APPLICATION REVIEW.—The National
22 Writing Project shall establish and operate a Na-
23 tional Review Board that shall consist of—

24 “(A) leaders in the field of research in
25 writing; and

1 “(B) such other individuals as the Na-
2 tional Writing Project deems necessary.

3 “(3) DUTIES.—The National Review Board
4 shall—

5 “(A) review all applications for assistance
6 under this subsection; and

7 “(B) recommended applications for assist-
8 ance under this subsection for funding by the
9 National Writing Project.

10 “(4) JUNIOR RESEARCHER PRIORITY AND
11 FUNDING RULE.—(A) In awarding grants pursuant
12 to paragraph (1), the National Writing Project shall
13 give priority to awarding such grants to junior re-
14 searchers.

15 “(B) The National Writing Project shall award
16 not less than 25 percent of the funds received pursu-
17 ant to subsection (i)(2) to junior researchers.

18 “(5) AVAILABILITY OF FINDINGS.—The Na-
19 tional Writing Project shall make available to the
20 Secretary and to the network of National Writing
21 Project sites the findings of the research conducted
22 pursuant to the authority of paragraph (1).”; and

23 (5) in subsection (i)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by striking “1991” and inserting
2 “1994”; and

3 (ii) by striking “fiscal years 1992 and
4 1993” and inserting “each of the 4 suc-
5 ceeding fiscal years”; and

6 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
7 follows:

8 “(2) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—In each
9 fiscal year in which the amount appropriated pursu-
10 ant to the authority of paragraph (1) equals or ex-
11 ceeds \$10,000,000, there are authorized to be appro-
12 priated \$500,000 to carry out the provisions of sub-
13 section (h).”.

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