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To provide resources for child-centered activities conducted, where possible, in public school facilities.

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## A BILL

To provide resources for child-centered activities conducted, where possible, in public school facilities.

- 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. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS; FINDINGS; PUR-**

4 **POSE**.

- 5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
- 6 gress that—

(1) public-private partnerships between govern-
ment and community-based organizations offer an
opportunity to—
(A) empower distressed and disconnected
communities to develop their own resources and
abilities in order to meet the needs of children;
and
(B) forge innovative solutions to the chal-
lenges confronting the development of the chil-
dren in such communities; and
(2) increased resources should be invested in
public-private partnerships.
(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—
(1) because of the increased difficulty of sup-
porting families on a single wage and the growth of
single parent families, parents have less time to de-
vote to the supervision, education, and nurturing of
their children;
(2) the lack of supervision and meaningful ac-
tivity after school contributes to the spread of gang
violence, drug trafficking, and lack of hope among
children in our Nation;
(3) the problems described in paragraphs (1)
and (2) and crimes, although widespread, are par-

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2 centration of low-income housing; (4) the community has a responsibility for de-3 4 veloping our Nation's children into productive adults: 5 (5) because of their centrality, public schools 6 7 are among the best facilities for providing needed 8 space and support services that expand traditional uses of schools: 9 (6) schools are most effective when the people 10 11 of the community are involved in activities designed to fulfill the needs of children in the community; and 12 13 (7) homes, community centers, recreational fa-14 cilities and other places where children gather, have 15 a significant impact on children. (c) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act— 16 17 (1) to set forth the vision and plan for a nation-18 wide restructuring of the way communities engage in 19 the nurturing and development of children, especially 20 children living and growing up in urban neighborhoods throughout the Nation; 21 22 (2) to provide (in collaboration with other public, private and nonprofit organizations and agen-23 24 cies) curriculum-based educational, recreational, cul-

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ticularly acute in communities where there is a con-

tural, health, social, and other related community
 and human services; and

3 (3) to test the effects of assisting communities
4 located within economically distressed areas to de5 velop and conduct programs that will increase the
6 academic success of students and improve work force
7 readiness.

## 8 SEC. 2. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

9 (a) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY.—Section 5124 of the Public
10 and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990 (42
11 U.S.C. 11903) is amended by adding at the end the follow12 ing new subsection:

13 "(c) COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of this chapter, grants under this chapter
15 may be used for community schools demonstration pro16 grams described in chapter 4.".

(b) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—Subtitle C of title V
of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11901
et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
new chapter:

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## 1 "CHAPTER 4—COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2 DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM 3 "SEC. 5148. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DEMONSTRATION PRO-

4 GRAM.

5 "(a) SHORT TITLE.—This chapter may be cited as
6 the 'Community Schools Demonstration Program Act of
7 1993'.

"(b) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is au-8 thorized to award not more than 10 demonstration grants 9 in accordance with this section to community-based orga-10 nizations to enable such organizations to assist eligible 11 communities located within economically distressed areas 12 to develop and conduct programs that will increase the 13 academic success of students and improve work force read-14 15 iness.

16 "(c) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Each program as-17 sisted under this section shall—

"(1) provide services and activities to children
in the eligible community, including curriculumbased supervised educational, recreational, work
force preparation, entrepreneurship, cultural, health,
social activities, and other related community and
human services; and

"(2) coordinate the delivery of social services to 1 2 the children in such eligible community in order to meet the needs and preferences of such children. 3 "(d) PEER REVIEW PANEL.— 4 "(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in con-5 sultation with the Secretaries of Education, Labor 6 and Health and Human Services, shall establish a 7 peer review panel which shall be comprised of indi-8 9 viduals with demonstrated experience in designing and implementing community-based programs. 10 "(2) COMPOSITION.—Such panel shall include 11 at least 1 representative from each of the following 12 13 entities: "(A) A community-based organization. 14 "(B) A local government. 15 "(C) A school district. 16 17 "(D) The private sector. 18 "(E) A philanthropic organization. 19 "(3) FUNCTIONS.—Such panel shall conduct 20 the initial review of all grant applications received by the Secretary under subsection (g), make rec-21 22 ommendations to the Secretary regarding grant funding under this section, and recommend a design 23 for the evaluation of programs assisted under this 24 25 section.

1	"(e) ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION.—Each
2	community-based organization receiving a grant under
3	this section shall identify an eligible community to be as-
4	sisted under this section. Such eligible community shall
5	be an area—
6	''(1) of poverty, unemployment, and general dis-
7	tress; and
8	''(2) located in a metropolitan statistical area in
9	which the unemployment rate exceeds by more than
10	1.5 percent the national unemployment rate.
11	"(f) DEFINITION.—For the purpose of this section—
12	''(1) the term 'community-based organization'
13	means a private, locally initiated nonprofit commu-
14	nity-based organization which—
15	"(A) is tax exempt under section $501(c)(3)$
16	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
17	"(B) is organized for educational and char-
18	itable purposes; and
19	"(C) is governed by a board consisting of
20	residents of the community, and business and
21	civic leaders actively involved in providing em-
22	ployment and business development opportuni-
23	ties in the eligible community;
24	''(2) the term 'eligible community' means an
25	area identified pursuant to subsection (d); and

"(3) the term 'Secretary', unless otherwise
 specified, means the Secretary of Housing and
 Urban Development.

4 "(g) Applications.—

5 "(1) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—Each commu-6 nity-based organization desiring a grant under this 7 section shall submit to the Secretary an application 8 at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by 9 such information, as the Secretary may reasonably 10 require.

11 "(2) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each appli12 cation submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—
13 "(A) describe the activities and services for
14 which assistance is sought;

15 "(B) contain an assurance that the community-based organization will spend grant
funds under this section in a manner that the
community-based organization determines will
best accomplish the purposes of this section;

20 "(C) contain a comprehensive plan de21 signed to achieve identifiable goals for children
22 in the eligible community;

23 "(D) set forth measurable goals and out24 comes that will make the public school, where
25 possible, the focal point of the eligible commu-

1	nity, which goals and outcomes may include in-
2	creasing graduation rates, school attendance,
3	and academic success in the eligible community
4	and improving the skills of program partici-
5	pants;
6	"(E) provide evidence of support for ac-
7	complishing such goals and outcomes of the
8	program from—
9	"(i) community leaders;
10	"(ii) businesses;
11	"(iii) a school district;
12	"(iv) local officials;
13	"(v) State officials; and
14	"(vi) other organizations that the
15	community-based organization deems ap-
16	propriate;
17	"(F) contain an assurance that the com-
18	munity-based organization will use grant funds
19	under this section to provide children in the eli-
20	gible community with after school activities and
21	services that include curriculum-based super-
22	vised educational, recreational, work force prep-
23	aration, entrepreneurship, cultural, health, so-
24	cial activities, and other related community and
25	human services;

1	''(G) contain a list of the activities and
2	services that will be offered and sponsored by
3	private nonprofit organizations, individuals, and
4	groups serving the eligible community, includ-
5	ing—
6	''(i) recreational activities in addition
7	to educational programs (such as com-
8	puter, mathematics, and science and tech-
9	nology, and language skills programs); and
10	''(ii) activities that address specific
11	needs in the community;
12	''(H) demonstrate how the community-
13	based organization will make use of the re-
14	sources, expertise, and commitment of private
15	entities;
16	''(I) include an estimate of the number of
17	children in the eligible community expected to
18	be served pursuant to the program;
19	''(J) include a description of philanthropic
20	private and all other resources that will be
21	made available to achieve the goals of the pro-
22	gram; and
23	"(K) contain an assurance that the com-
24	munity-based organization will use competitive
25	procedures when purchasing, contracting or

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1	otherwise providing for goods, activities or serv-
2	ices under this section.
3	"(h) Payments; Federal Share; Non-Federal
4	Share.—
5	"(1) Payments; federal share; non-fed-
6	ERAL SHARE.—
7	"(A) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall pay
8	to each community-based organization having
9	an application approved under subsection (g)
10	the Federal share of the costs of the activities
11	and services described in the application.
12	"(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal
13	share of payments under this section shall be
14	65 percent.
15	"(C) Non-federal share.—
16	"(i) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal
17	share of payments under this section may
18	be in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated.
19	"(ii) Special Rule.—At least 15 per-
20	cent of the non-Federal share of payments
21	under this section shall be provided from
22	private or nonprofit sources.
23	"(i) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall conduct a
24	thorough evaluation of the programs assisted under this
25	section. Such evaluation shall include an assessment of-

"(1) the number of children participating in 1 2 each program assisted under this section; "(2) the academic achievement of such children; 3 "(3) school attendance and graduation rates of 4 such children; and 5 "(4) the number of such children being proc-6 essed by the juvenile justice system. 7 "(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There 8 are authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each 9 of the fiscal years 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 to 10 11 carry out this section.".

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