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H. R. 1629

To provide grants to rural eligible local educational agencies to enable the agencies to recruit and retain qualified teachers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CLAYTON (for herself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. FORD, Mr. FROST, Mr. WU, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. TURNER, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Rural Teachers Re-
5 cruitment Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

2 The Secretary is authorized to provide grants to rural
3 eligible local educational agencies to enable the agencies
4 to recruit and retain qualified teachers for elementary and
5 secondary schools.

6 **SEC. 3. GRANT AWARDS.**

7 (a) RURAL ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
8 CIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this Act,
9 a rural eligible local educational agency shall—

10 (1) submit an application to the Secretary at
11 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
12 formation as the Secretary may reasonably require;
13 and

14 (2) demonstrate a need to recruit and retain
15 additional qualified elementary and secondary teach-
16 ers.

17 (b) GRANT AMOUNT.—Each grant award made under
18 this Act shall be of sufficient size to enable a grantee to
19 develop incentive programs to recruit and retain qualified
20 teachers.

21 **SEC. 4. USES OF FUNDS.**

22 A rural eligible local educational agency that receives
23 a grant award under this Act may use such funds received
24 to develop incentive programs to recruit and retain quali-
25 fied teachers which may include—

26 (1) salary increases;

- 1 (2) reimbursement for teacher certification ex-
2 penses;
- 3 (3) assistance to pay college tuition expenses;
- 4 (4) assistance to pay graduate school tuition
5 and training expenses; and
- 6 (5) reimbursement for relocation expenses.

7 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

8 For purposes of this Act:

9 (1) the term “local educational agency” has the
10 same meaning given such term in section 14101(18)
11 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
12 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801(18));

13 (2) the term “metropolitan statistical area” has
14 the same meaning given such term by the Bureau of
15 the Census;

16 (3) the term “rural eligible educational agency”
17 means a local educational agency—

18 (A) that is not located in a metropolitan
19 statistical area; and

20 (B) in which 20 percent or more of the
21 children, ages 5 through 17, served by such
22 agency are from families below the poverty
23 level, as determined by the Secretary; and

24 (4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
25 of Education.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 and
4 2001, \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 and
5 2003, and \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.

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