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To provide national challenge grants for innovation in the education of
homeless children and youth.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To provide national challenge grants for innovation in the
education of homeless children and youth.

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. AMENDMENT TO THE STEWART B. MCKINNEY**

4 **HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT.**

5 Subtitle B of title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney
6 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) is
7 amended by inserting after section 724 the following:

1 **“SEC. 724A. NATIONAL CHALLENGE GRANTS FOR INNOVA-**
2 **TION IN THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS**
3 **CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

4 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appro-
6 priated under section 726 for any fiscal year the
7 Secretary is authorized to award grants, on a com-
8 petitive basis, to local educational agencies or con-
9 sortia of local educational agencies having applica-
10 tions approved under subsection (d).

11 “(2) CONSORTIA.—A consortium of local edu-
12 cational agencies shall be eligible for a grant under
13 paragraph (1) only if the consortium includes at
14 least one local educational agency that receives
15 funds under this Act.

16 “(3) DURATION.—Grants under this section
17 shall be awarded for a period of 2 years.

18 “(b) USE OF GRANTS.—Grants awarded under this
19 section shall be used for activities similar to the authorized
20 activities described in section 723(d).

21 “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
22 tion the Secretary shall give priority to a local educational
23 agency or consortium that demonstrates in the application
24 submitted under subsection (d) that—

25 “(1) the project for which assistance is sought
26 will address—

1 “(A) providing transportation and other
2 strategies for reducing homeless student mobil-
3 ity;

4 “(B) identifying and serving unaccom-
5 panied homeless children and youth; or

6 “(C) identifying and serving homeless pre-
7 schoolers;

8 “(2) the project for which assistance is sought
9 will be carried out by a local educational agency or
10 consortium that can demonstrate experience in one
11 or more of the activities described in paragraph (1);
12 and

13 “(3) the local educational agency, a member of
14 the consortium, or another appropriate entity will
15 contribute substantial financial and other resources
16 to achieve the goals of the project.

17 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each local educational agency
18 or consortium desiring a grant under this section shall
19 submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in
20 such manner, and accompanied by such information as the
21 Secretary may reasonably require.

22 “(e) EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION.—The Sec-
23 retary shall evaluate grants awarded under this section,
24 and disseminate information regarding the grants to other

- 1 local educational agencies serving homeless children and
- 2 youth.”.

