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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Yosemite National  
3 Park Education Improvement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The three elementary schools serving the  
7 children of employees of Yosemite National Park are  
8 served by the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary  
9 School District and the Mariposa Unified School  
10 District.

11 (2) The schools are in remote mountainous  
12 areas and long distances from other educational and  
13 administrative facilities of the two local educational  
14 agencies.

15 (3) Because of their remote locations and rel-  
16 atively small number of students, schools serving the  
17 children of employees of the Park provide fewer  
18 services in more basic facilities than the educational  
19 services and facilities provided to students that at-  
20 tend other schools served by the two local edu-  
21 cational agencies.

22 (4) Because of the long distances involved and  
23 adverse weather and road conditions that occur dur-  
24 ing much of the school year, it is impractical for the  
25 children of employees of the Park who live within or

1 near the Park to attend other schools served by the  
2 two local educational agencies.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-  
4 ize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental  
5 funding and other services that are necessary to assist the  
6 State of California or local educational agencies in Cali-  
7 fornia in providing educational services for students at-  
8 tending schools located within the Park.

9 **SEC. 3. PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.**

10 (a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS.—For fiscal  
11 years 2003 through 2007, the Secretary may provide  
12 funds to the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School  
13 District and the Mariposa Unified School District for edu-  
14 cational services to students who are dependents of per-  
15 sons engaged in the administration, operation, and main-  
16 tenance of the Park or students who live at or near the  
17 Park upon real property of the United States.

18 (b) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Payments  
19 made by the Secretary under this section may not be used  
20 for new construction, construction contracts, or major cap-  
21 ital improvements, and may be used only to pay public  
22 employees for services otherwise authorized by this Act.

23 (c) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF FUNDS.—Payments  
24 made under this section shall not exceed the lesser of  
25 \$750,000 in any fiscal year or the amount necessary to

1 provide students described in subsection (a) with edu-  
2 cational services that are normally provided and generally  
3 available to students who attend public schools elsewhere  
4 in the State of California.

5 (d) ADJUSTMENT OF PAYMENTS.—Subject to sub-  
6 section (c), the Secretary is authorized to adjust payments  
7 made under this section if the State of California or the  
8 appropriate local educational agencies do not continue to  
9 provide funding for educational services at Park schools  
10 at per student levels that are equivalent to or greater than  
11 those provided in the fiscal year prior to the date of enact-  
12 ment of this Act.

13 (e) SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.—

14 (1) AUTHORIZED SOURCES.—Except as pro-  
15 vided in paragraph (2), in order to make payments  
16 under this section, the Secretary may use funds  
17 available to the National Park Service from appro-  
18 priations, donations, or fees.

19 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Funds from the following  
20 sources may not be used to make payments under  
21 this section:

22 (A) Fees authorized and collected under  
23 the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of  
24 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–4 et seq.).

1           (B) The recreational fee demonstration  
2           program under section 315 of the Department  
3           of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropria-  
4           tions Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(c)  
5           of Public Law 104–134; 16 U.S.C. 4601–6a  
6           note).

7           (C) The national park passport program  
8           established under section 602 of the National  
9           Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (16  
10          U.S.C. 5992).

11          (D) Emergency appropriations for Yosem-  
12          ite flood recovery.

13          (f) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act, the  
14          following definitions apply:

15           (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—The  
16           term “local educational agencies” has the meaning  
17           given that term in section 9101(26) of the Elemen-  
18           tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

19           (2) EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.—The term “edu-  
20           cational services” means services that may include  
21           maintenance and minor upgrades of facilities and  
22           transportation to and from school.

23           (3) PARK.—The term “Park” means Yosemite  
24           National Park.

1           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior.

Passed the House of Representatives April 30, 2002.

Attest:

*Clerk.*