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S. 2864

To modify the full payment amount available to States under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2002

Mr. HUTCHINSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 School and Com-
5 munity Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) DOCUMENT.—The term “document” means
9 the document prepared by the Forest Service enti-

1 tled “P.L. 106–393, Secure Rural Schools and Com-
2 munity Self-Determination Act” and dated July 31,
3 2001.

4 (2) ELIGIBLE COUNTY.—The term “eligible
5 county” has the meaning given the term in section
6 3 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-
7 Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 500 note;
8 Public Law 106–393).

9 (3) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term “eligible
10 State” has the meaning given the term in that sec-
11 tion.

12 (4) REVISED DOCUMENT.—The term “revised
13 document” means the revision to the document pre-
14 pared under section 751(b) of the Agriculture, Rural
15 Development, Food and Drug Administration, and
16 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Public
17 Law 107–76; 16 U.S.C. 500 note), and dated March
18 1, 2002.

19 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of the Treasury.

21 **SEC. 3. ELECTION OF FULL PAYMENT AMOUNT.**

22 (a) ELECTION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
24 101(a)(1) of the Secure Rural Schools and Commu-
25 nity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law

1 106–393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note), an eligible State may
2 make a 1-time election to receive each full payment
3 amount under section 102 of that Act for fiscal
4 years 2002 through 2006 in an amount—

5 (A) calculated in accordance with the docu-
6 ment, and adjusted in accordance with section
7 101(b) of that Act; or

8 (B) calculated in accordance with the re-
9 vised document, and so adjusted.

10 (2) NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION.—Not later
11 than September 30, 2002, each eligible State shall
12 notify the Secretary of an election made under para-
13 graph (1).

14 (3) FAILURE TO MAKE NOTIFICATION.—If an
15 eligible State fails to notify the Secretary of an elec-
16 tion made under paragraph (1) by September 30,
17 2002, the full payment amount for the eligible State
18 for fiscal years 2002 through 2006 shall be cal-
19 culated in accordance with the revised document and
20 adjusted in accordance with section 101(b) of that
21 Act.

22 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF FULL PAYMENT AMOUNT TO
23 ELIGIBLE COUNTIES.—In carrying out section 102(c)(1)
24 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
25 mination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393; 16 U.S.C.

1 500 note), an eligible State may distribute the full pay-
2 ment amount determined under subsection (a) among eli-
3 gible counties that have elected to receive a share of the
4 full payment amount, taking into consideration such fac-
5 tors as—

6 (1) the historic percentage distribution of each
7 eligible county, as described in the document; and

8 (2) other factors that the eligible State deter-
9 mines to be appropriate.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 751(b) of
11 the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Ad-
12 ministration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
13 2002 (Public Law 107–76; 16 U.S.C. 500 note) is amend-
14 ed by adding at the end the following: “The payments
15 shall be made in accordance with the “Rural School and
16 Community Enhancement Act.”.

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