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H. R. 2762

To establish a vocational and technical education grant program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POMBO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To establish a vocational and technical education grant program.

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 referred to as the “The Excellence
5 in Vocational Education Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES.—

8 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is
9 to promote vocational education among students in
10 high schools by awarding a competitive grant to
11 local education agencies for the purpose of improve-

1 ment of the quality of student involvement in voca-
2 tional education and activities.

3 (2) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the grant
4 program provided under this section are—

5 (A) to increase students' participation, and
6 achievement in, vocational education;

7 (B) to strengthen teachers' understanding
8 of, and competency in, vocational education and
9 the practical application of it; and

10 (C) to leverage and expand private and
11 public support for vocational education partner-
12 ships at the State and local levels.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Education is
14 authorized to award a competitive grant to local edu-
15 cational agencies for vocational and technical education
16 programs as described in subsection (d).

17 (c) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT.—In order to
18 qualify for a grant under this section, a local educational
19 agency shall be required to obtain matching funds from
20 a business or other private sector entity equal to the
21 amount of the grant awarded under subsection (b).

22 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A local educational agency
23 shall use the grant funds made available for activities re-
24 lating to vocational and technical education (as defined in
25 section 3(29) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Tech-

1 nical Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2302(29))), including the
2 purchasing of equipment, hiring of teachers, and related
3 costs of such activities.

4 (e) INVOLVEMENT OF BUSINESS COMMUNITY.—In
5 carrying out the activities assisted under this section,
6 grant recipients are encouraged to include interactions
7 with the local business community.

8 (f) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND TECHNICAL
9 ASSISTANCE.—A grant recipient shall—

10 (1) meet such other requirements as the Sec-
11 retary determines to be necessary to assure compli-
12 ance with this section; and

13 (2) receive from the Secretary such technical
14 assistance as may be necessary to carry out this sec-
15 tion.

16 (g) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
17 this section, a local educational agency shall submit an
18 application to the Secretary of Education at such time and
19 in such manner as the Secretary may require.

20 (h) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A recipient of a grant
21 under this section may use not more than 5 percent of
22 the funds available through the grant for administrative
23 costs.

24 (i) FEDERAL SHARE.—Consistent with the require-
25 ment for matching funds in subsection (c), the Federal

1 share of the cost of the activities described in subsection
2 (d) shall be 50 percent.

3 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such
5 sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

6 (k) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made
7 available to carry out this section shall be used to supple-
8 ment, and not supplant, other Federal, State, and local
9 funds expended for the purpose described in subsection
10 (a).

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