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# H. R. 3904

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish pilot projects to support and evaluate the provision of before-school activities that advance student academic achievement and encourage the establishment of, and increase participation in, school breakfast programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2004

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish pilot projects to support and evaluate the provision of before-school activities that advance student academic achievement and encourage the establishment of, and increase participation in, school breakfast programs.

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 “Educational Grants  
5 for Great Starts Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROJECTS TO SUPPORT AND EVALUATE BE-**  
2 **FORE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**

3 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School  
4 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 “(h) PILOT PROJECTS TO SUPPORT AND EVALUATE  
7 BEFORE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.—

8 “(1) GRANTS TO STATE AGENCIES.—

9 “(A) GRANTS.—(i) Subject to funds made  
10 available under paragraph (5), the Secretary, in  
11 coordination with the Secretary of Education,  
12 shall make grants to 7 State agencies to con-  
13 duct pilot projects in 17 elementary schools in  
14 each such State to—

15 “(I) support the provision of before-  
16 school activities that advance student aca-  
17 demic achievement and encourage the es-  
18 tablishment of, or increase participation in,  
19 school breakfast programs; and

20 “(II) evaluate the effect of providing  
21 before-school activities on participation in  
22 school breakfast programs.

23 “(ii) In carrying out clause (i), the Sec-  
24 retary shall make grants to 1 State in each of  
25 the 7 geographic regions of the United States

1 (as determined for purposes of programs of the  
2 Food and Nutrition Service).

3 “(B) APPLICATION.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
5 may make a grant to a State agency under  
6 subparagraph (A) only if the State agency  
7 submits to the Secretary an application  
8 that contains, at a minimum, the informa-  
9 tion described in clause (ii).

10 “(ii) INFORMATION.—The information  
11 described in this clause is the following:

12 “(I) A description of how the  
13 State agency will provide oversight of  
14 pilot projects to be conducted in se-  
15 lected elementary schools in the State  
16 to ensure that before-school activities  
17 under the projects will increase par-  
18 ticipation in the school breakfast pro-  
19 gram.

20 “(II) A description of the meth-  
21 ods to be used by the State agency to  
22 promote and make available all appro-  
23 priate information concerning sub-  
24 grants to be made under paragraph  
25 (2) for the conduct of pilot projects in

1                   selected elementary schools in the  
2                   State.

3                   “(III) A description of the meth-  
4                   ods to be used by the State agency to  
5                   collect data for the evaluation of the  
6                   pilot projects in accordance with para-  
7                   graph (4)(A).

8                   “(C) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In making  
9                   grants to State agencies under subparagraph  
10                  (A), the Secretary shall ensure that the pilot  
11                  projects to be conducted in elementary schools  
12                  under the jurisdiction of the local educational  
13                  agencies are selected so as to—

14                  “(i)(I) ensure the likelihood that pro-  
15                  posed before-school activities under the  
16                  pilot projects will increase participation in  
17                  school breakfast programs; and

18                  “(II) ensure coordination of the pilot  
19                  projects with other programs and activities  
20                  offered by the elementary schools;

21                  “(ii)(I) provide for an equitable dis-  
22                  tribution of pilot projects among urban  
23                  and rural elementary schools; and

24                  “(II) provide for an equitable distribu-  
25                  tion of pilot projects among elementary

1 schools with and without school breakfast  
2 programs; and

3 “(iii) provide for an equitable distribu-  
4 tion of pilot projects among schools of  
5 varying family income levels.

6 “(D) LIMITATION.—Not more than 1.5  
7 percent of the amount of a grant received by a  
8 State agency under subparagraph (A) may be  
9 used by the State agency for administrative ex-  
10 penses of the pilot projects under this sub-  
11 section.

12 “(2) SUBGRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL  
13 AGENCIES.—

14 “(A) SUBGRANTS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State agency  
16 that receives a grant under paragraph (1)  
17 shall use amounts from the grant to make  
18 subgrants to local educational agencies to  
19 conduct pilot projects in accordance with  
20 this subsection to support the provision of  
21 before-school activities, including the ac-  
22 tivities described in clause (ii), that ad-  
23 vance student academic achievement and  
24 encourage the establishment of, or increase

1 participation in, school breakfast pro-  
2 grams.

3 “(ii) ACTIVITIES.—The activities de-  
4 scribed in this clause are the following:

5 “(I) Remedial education activities  
6 and academic enrichment learning  
7 programs.

8 “(II) Mathematics and science  
9 education activities.

10 “(III) Arts and music apprecia-  
11 tion activities.

12 “(IV) Entrepreneurial education  
13 activities.

14 “(V) Tutoring services and men-  
15 toring programs.

16 “(VI) Telecommunications and  
17 technology education programs.

18 “(VII) Expanded library service  
19 hours.

20 “(VIII) Programs that provide  
21 assistance to students who have been  
22 truant or suspended to allow the stu-  
23 dents to improve their academic  
24 achievement.

1                   “(IX) Drug and violence preven-  
2                   tion programs, counseling programs,  
3                   and character education programs.

4                   “(B) APPLICATION.—

5                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The State agency  
6                   may make a subgrant to a local edu-  
7                   cational agency under subparagraph (A)  
8                   only if the local educational agency sub-  
9                   mits to the State agency an application  
10                  that contains, at a minimum, the informa-  
11                  tion described in clause (ii).

12                  “(ii) INFORMATION.—The information  
13                  described in this clause is the following:

14                  “(I)(aa) Except as provided in  
15                  item (bb), a description of the break-  
16                  fast program of each elementary  
17                  school under the jurisdiction of the  
18                  local educational agency within which  
19                  a pilot project will be conducted, in-  
20                  cluding the number of students who  
21                  participate in the program and the  
22                  percentage of students who participate  
23                  in the program in rural versus urban  
24                  schools.

1                   “(bb) In the case of an elemen-  
2                   tary school without a breakfast pro-  
3                   gram and within which a pilot project  
4                   will be conducted, a description of a  
5                   plan that outlines how the school will  
6                   establish and operate a breakfast pro-  
7                   gram in coordination with the pilot  
8                   project.

9                   “(II) A description of how the  
10                  local educational agency, in conjunc-  
11                  tion with the school food authority,  
12                  will carry out the pilot projects in ac-  
13                  cordance with this subsection, includ-  
14                  ing a description of (aa) the specific  
15                  activities that will be carried out by  
16                  the local educational agency to remove  
17                  any perceived stigma associated with  
18                  participation in the breakfast program  
19                  and to increase participation in the  
20                  program, and (bb) all other specific  
21                  activities that will be carried out  
22                  under the projects.

23                  “(III) A description of a pro-  
24                  posed budget to carry out the pilot  
25                  projects.

1           “(C) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In making  
2           subgrants to local educational agencies under  
3           subparagraph (A), the State agency shall en-  
4           sure that the local educational agencies have  
5           under their jurisdiction a sufficient number of  
6           elementary schools that are not participating in  
7           the pilot projects to permit a valid evaluation of  
8           the results of the pilot projects.

9           “(D) DURATION OF PILOT PROJECTS.—A  
10          local educational agency that receives a  
11          subgrant under subparagraph (A) to conduct a  
12          pilot project in accordance with this subsection  
13          shall conduct the project during a period of not  
14          less than 3 successive school years.

15          “(E) MINIMUM AMOUNT OF AWARDS TO  
16          ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.—Subject to the avail-  
17          ability of funds of a subgrant provided to a  
18          local educational agency under subparagraph  
19          (A) to conduct a pilot project in accordance  
20          with this subsection, the minimum amount pro-  
21          vided to an elementary school under the pilot.

22          “(3) PROHIBITION.—Amounts provided under a  
23          grant or subgrant made under this subsection may  
24          not be used to provide a Federal reimbursement for

1 school breakfasts under the school breakfast pro-  
2 gram.

3 “(4) EVALUATION; REPORT.—

4 “(A) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall  
5 conduct an evaluation of the pilot projects con-  
6 ducted by local educational agencies under this  
7 subsection with respect to the establishment of,  
8 and increased participation in, school breakfast  
9 programs.

10 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than September  
11 30, 2006, the Secretary shall prepare and sub-  
12 mit to Congress a report that contains the re-  
13 sults of the evaluation conducted under sub-  
14 paragraph (A).

15 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 “(A) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—There is  
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this  
18 subsection (other than paragraph (4))  
19 \$6,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2005  
20 through 2007.

21 “(B) EVALUATION.—There is authorized  
22 to be appropriated to carry out paragraph (4)  
23 \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.”.

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