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H. R. 4158

To authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a program of energy assistance grants to local educational agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. FORD, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. REYES, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. OWENS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “School Energy Crisis
5 Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL ENERGY GRANTS.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
3 of Energy shall establish a program to make grants to
4 eligible local educational agencies that have experienced
5 the highest percentage increase or expenditure increase in
6 transportation and heating fuel costs (including costs in-
7 curred by eligible local educational agencies or by entities
8 under contract to provide transportation to such entities)
9 among all local educational agencies in the State for a spe-
10 cific time period during the 2005–2006 school year, in
11 comparison to the same time period during the 2004–2005
12 school year.

13 (b) ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
15 graph (2), a local educational agency shall be eligible
16 for a grant under this section if it is among the top
17 10 percent of all local educational agencies in its
18 State for numbers or percentages of children count-
19 ed under section 1124(c) of the Elementary and
20 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
21 6333(c)).

22 (2) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a State with
23 fewer than 50 school districts, a local educational
24 agency shall be eligible for a grant under this section
25 if it is among the highest among all local educational
26 agencies in its State for numbers or percentages of

1 children counted under section 1124(c) of the Ele-
2 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
3 U.S.C. 6333(c)).

4 (c) STATE ALLOCATION.—Each State shall receive,
5 in the aggregate, an amount based on—

6 (1) the population of children between ages 5
7 and 17 of the State according to the most recent
8 Census, in comparison to all other States; and

9 (2) the regional cost of transportation and heat-
10 ing fuel, in comparison with the average national
11 cost, as determined by the most recent statistical
12 data from the Energy Information Administration.

13 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts provided under this
14 section to eligible local educational agencies may be used
15 to pay for the cost of transportation or heating fuel pur-
16 chased by the eligible local educational agencies or for
17 transportation fuel purchased by entities under contract
18 to provide transportation services to such agencies.

19 (e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
20 term “local educational agency” has the meaning given
21 that term in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-
22 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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