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Mr. Bingaman (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Lautenberg, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Sarbanes, and Mr. Dayton) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

### **A BILL**

To improve education for all students, and for other purposes.

- 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 "Quality Education for
- 5 All Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:
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### 1 TITLE I—STRENGTHENING HEAD

### 2 START AND CHILD CARE PRO-

### 3 GRAMS

### 4 Subtitle A—Increasing Access to

### 5 **Head Start Programs**

#### 6 SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- 7 Section 639(a) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
- 8 9834(a)) is amended by striking "such sums" and all that

- follows and inserting the following: "\$8,570,000,000 for 2 fiscal year 2006, \$10,445,000,000 for fiscal year 2007, 3 \$12,384,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$14,334,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, and \$16,332,000,000 for fiscal year 4 5 2010.". SEC. 102. STRENGTHENING INDIAN AND MIGRANT AND 7 SEASONAL HEAD START PROGRAMS. 8 Section 640(a)(2) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(a)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and 10 inserting the following: 11 "(A) Indian Head Start programs, services for 12 children with disabilities, and migrant and seasonal 13 Head Start programs, except that the Secretary 14 shall reserve for each fiscal year for use by Indian 15 Head Start and migrant and seasonal Head Start 16 programs (referred to in this subparagraph as 'cov-17 ered programs'), on a nationwide basis, a sum that 18 is the total of not less than 4 percent of the amount 19 appropriated under section 639(a) for that fiscal 20 year (for Indian Head Start programs), and not less 21 than 5 percent of that appropriated amount (for mi-22 grant and seasonal Head Start programs), except 23 that—
- 24 "(i) if reserving the specified percentages 25 for covered programs and would reduce the

1 number of children served by Head Start pro-2 grams, relative to the number of children served 3 on the date of enactment of the Quality Edu-4 cation for All Act, taking into consideration an 5 appropriate adjustment for inflation, the Sec-6 retary shall reserve percentages that approach, 7 as closely as practicable, the specified percent-8 ages and that do not cause such a reduction; 9 and

"(ii) notwithstanding any other provision of this subparagraph, the Secretary shall reserve for each fiscal year for use by Indian Head Start programs and by migrant and seasonal Head Start programs, on a nationwide basis, not less than the amount that was obligated for use by Indian Head Start programs and by migrant and seasonal Head Start programs and by migrant and seasonal Head Start programs, respectively, for the previous fiscal year;".

### 20 SEC. 103. EXPANDING EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS.

- 21 Section 640(a)(6) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
- 22 9835(a)(6)) is amended—
- 23 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "7.5 per-24 cent for fiscal year 1999" and all that follows and
- inserting "12 percent for fiscal year 2006, 14 per-

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- 1 cent for fiscal year 2007, 16 percent for fiscal year 2 2008, 18 percent for fiscal year 2009, and 20 per-3 cent for fiscal year 2010, of the amount appro-4 priated pursuant to section 639(a)."; 5 (2) by striking subparagraph (B); and 6 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-7 paragraph (B). 8 SEC. 104. PARTICIPATION IN HEAD START PROGRAMS. 9 Section 645 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9840) 10 is amended— 11 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by inserting "130" percent of" after "below"; and 12 13 (2) by adding at the end the following: 14 "(e) After demonstrating a need through a community needs assessment, a Head Start agency may apply to the Secretary to convert part-day sessions, particularly 16 17 consecutive part-day sessions, into full-day sessions.". Subtitle B—Enhancing the School 18 **Readiness of Head Start Children** 19 SEC. 111. SCHOOL READINESS STANDARDS. 21 Section 641A(a)(1)(B)(ii) of the Head Start Act (42) U.S.C. 9836(a)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking "at a
- 22 0.5.0. 3030(a)(1)(D)(11) is afficient by striking at a
- 23 minimum" and all that follows and inserting the following:
- 24 "at a minimum, develop and demonstrate—

1	"(I) language skills, including an ex-
2	panded use of vocabulary;
3	"(II) interest in and appreciation of
4	books, reading, and writing (either alone or
5	with others), phonological and phonemic
6	awareness, and varied modes of expression
7	and communication;
8	"(III) premathematics knowledge and
9	skills, including knowledge and skills relat-
10	ing to aspects of classification, seriation,
11	numbers, spatial relations, and time;
12	"(IV) cognitive abilities related to aca-
13	demic achievement;
14	"(V) abilities related to social and
15	emotional development;
16	"(VI) gross and fine motor skills; and
17	"(VII) in the case of children with
18	limited English proficiency, abilities related
19	to progress toward acquisition of the
20	English language.".
21	SEC. 112. STAFF.
22	(a) Staff Qualifications and Development.—
23	Section 648A of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9843a)
24	is amended—
25	(1) in subsection $(a)(2)$ —

1	(A) in subparagraph (A)—
2	(i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
3	by striking "not later than September 30,
4	2003" and all that follows through "pro-
5	grams have" and inserting "not later than
6	the date determined under subparagraph
7	(D) for a Head Start region, each Head
8	Start agency in the region with a center-
9	based program shall ensure that all class-
10	rooms in the program have at least 1
11	teacher who has";
12	(ii) in clause (i), strike "an associate,
13	baccalaureate," and insert "a bacca-
14	laureate''; and
15	(iii) in clause (ii), strike "an asso-
16	ciate, baccalaureate," and insert "a bacca-
17	laureate''; and
18	(B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
19	serting the following:
20	"(B) TEMPORARY REQUIREMENT.—Until
21	the date determined under subparagraph (D)
22	for a Head Start region, the Secretary shall en-
23	sure that at least 50 percent of all Head Start
24	teachers in the region in center-based programs
25	have—

1	"(i) an associate, baccalaureate, or
2	advanced degree in early childhood edu-
3	cation; or
4	"(ii) an associate, baccalaureate, or
5	advanced degree in a field related to early
6	childhood education, with experience in
7	teaching preschool children.
8	"(C) REQUIREMENT FOR NEW HEAD
9	START TEACHERS.—Not later than 3 years
10	after the date of enactment of the Quality Edu-
11	cation for All Act, the Secretary shall require
12	that all teachers hired nationwide in center-
13	based programs of Head Start agencies fol-
14	lowing the date of the requirement—
15	"(i) have an associate, baccalaureate,
16	or advanced degree in early childhood edu-
17	cation;
18	"(ii) have an associate, baccalaureate,
19	or advanced degree in a field related to
20	early childhood education, with experience
21	in teaching preschool children; or
22	"(iii) be enrolled, or enroll not later
23	than 1 year after the date of hire, in a pro-
24	gram of study leading to an associate de-
25	gree in early childhood education.

"(D) APPROPRIATE DATE.—The Secretary shall determine an appropriate date for Head Start agencies in each Head Start region to reach the result described in subparagraph (A), but in no case shall such a date be later than 8 years after the date of enactment of Quality Education for All Act. "(E) Progress.— "(i) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary

"(i) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall require Head Start agencies with center-based programs to demonstrate continuing and consistent progress each year to reach the results described in subparagraphs (A) and (C).

"(ii) Plan.—Each State shall establish a plan for the Head Start agencies with center-based programs in the State to reach the results described in subparagraphs (A) and (C).

"(iii) Progress.—Each Head Start agency shall prepare and submit to the Secretary and the Governor of the State a report indicating the number and percentage of its teachers in center-based programs with child development associate

1	credentials or associate, baccalaureate, or
2	advanced degrees in early childhood edu-
3	cation or a field related to early childhood
4	education. The Secretary shall compile all
5	such reports and submit a summary of the
6	compiled reports to the Committee on
7	Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
8	the Senate and the Committee on Edu-
9	cation and the Workforce of the House of
10	Representatives.";
11	(2) in subsection (a)(3), by striking " $(2)(A)$ "
12	and inserting "(2)(B)"; and
13	(3) by adding at the end the following:
14	"(f) Pre-Literacy and Language Training.—To
15	support local efforts to enhance early language and pre-
16	literacy development of children in Head Start programs,
17	and to provide the children with high-quality oral language
18	skills and environments that are rich in literature, in
19	which to acquire early language and pre-literacy skills,
20	each Head Start agency shall ensure that all of the agen-
21	cy's Head Start teachers receive ongoing training in lan-
22	guage and emergent literacy. Such training shall also in-
23	clude information regarding appropriate curricula and as-
24	sessments to improve instruction and learning. Such train-
25	ing shall include training in methods to promote phono-

- 1 logical and phonemic awareness and vocabulary develop-
- 2 ment in an age-appropriate and culturally and linguis-
- 3 tically appropriate manner.
- 4 "(g) Professional Development Plans.—Each
- 5 Head Start agency and center shall create, in consultation
- 6 with employees of the agency or center (including family
- 7 service workers), a professional development plan for em-
- 8 ployees who provide direct services to children, including
- 9 a plan for teachers, to meet the requirements set forth
- 10 in subsection (a).".
- 11 (b) Attracting and Retaining High-quality
- 12 HEAD START TEACHERS; TRIBAL COLLEGE OR UNIVER-
- 13 SITY-HEAD START PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.—
- 14 (1) Program.—The Head Start Act is amend-
- ed by inserting after section 648A (42 U.S.C.
- 16 9843a) the following:
- 17 "SEC. 648B. ATTRACTING AND RETAINING HIGH-QUALITY
- 18 HEAD START TEACHERS.
- 19 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
- 20 to eligible Head Start agencies to enable the agencies to
- 21 reach the results described in subparagraphs (A) and (C)
- 22 of section 648A(a)(2). The Secretary shall make the
- 23 grants from allotments determined under subsection (b).
- 24 "(b) Allotments.—From the funds made available
- 25 under section 639(c) for a fiscal year and not reserved

- 1 under subsection (d), the Secretary shall allot to each
- 2 Head Start agency an amount that bears the same rela-
- 3 tionship to such funds as the amount received by the agen-
- 4 cy under section 640 for that fiscal year bears to the
- 5 amount received by all Head Start agencies under section
- 6 640 for that fiscal year.
- 7 "(c) Salary Plan.—A Head Start agency that re-
- 8 ceives a grant under this section shall develop and carry
- 9 out a plan to raise the average salaries of teachers in the
- 10 agency's Head Start programs. In developing the plan, the
- 11 agency shall take into consideration the training, level of
- 12 education, and experience of the teachers, and the average
- 13 salaries of prekindergarten and kindergarten teachers em-
- 14 ployed by the local educational agency for the school dis-
- 15 trict in which the Head Start agency is located, with simi-
- 16 lar training, level of education, and experience.
- 17 "(d) Salaries in High-Cost Areas.—The Sec-
- 18 retary may reserve and use a portion of the funds available
- 19 under section 639(c) to assist Head Start agencies located
- 20 in high-cost areas to help reduce the discrepancy between
- 21 such average salaries of such teachers and such average
- 22 salaries of such prekindergarten and kindergarten teach-
- 23 ers.

1	"SEC. 648C. TRIBAL COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY-HEAD START
2	PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.
3	"(a) Tribal College or University-Head Start
4	Partnership Program.—
5	"(1) Grants.—The Secretary is authorized to
6	award grants, of not less than 5 years duration, to
7	Tribal Colleges and Universities to—
8	"(A) implement education programs that
9	include tribal culture and language and increase
10	the number of associate, baccalaureate, and
11	graduate degrees in early childhood education
12	and related fields that are earned by Indian
13	Head Start agency staff members, parents of
14	children served by such an agency, and mem-
15	bers of the tribal community involved;
16	"(B) develop and implement the programs
17	under subparagraph (A) in technology-mediated
18	formats; and
19	"(C) provide technology literacy programs
20	for Indian Head Start agency staff members
21	and children and families of children served by
22	such an agency.
23	"(2) Staffing.—The Secretary shall ensure
24	that the American Indian Programs Branch of the
25	Head Start Bureau of the Department of Health
26	and Human Services shall have staffing sufficient to

1	administer the programs under this section and to
2	provide appropriate technical assistance to Tribal
3	Colleges and Universities receiving grants under this
4	section.
5	"(b) APPLICATION.—Each Tribal College or Univer-
6	sity desiring a grant under this section shall submit an
7	application to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner
8	and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
9	quire, including a certification that the Tribal College or
10	University has established a partnership with 1 or more
11	Indian Head Start agencies for the purpose of conducting
12	the activities described in subsection (a).
13	"(c) Definitions.—In this section:
14	"(1) Institution of higher education.—
15	The term 'institution of higher education' has the
16	meaning given such term in section 101(a) of the
17	Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))
18	"(2) Tribal college or university.—The
19	term 'Tribal College or University' means an institu-
20	tion—
21	"(A) defined by such term in section
22	316(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
23	(20 U S C 1059c(b)); and

1	"(B) determined to be accredited or a can-
2	didate for accreditation by a nationally recog-
3	nized accrediting agency or association.
4	"(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
5	are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
6	\$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may
7	be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2010.".
8	(2) Authorization of appropriations.—
9	Section 639 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9834)
10	is amended—
11	(A) in subsection (a), by inserting "(other
12	than section 648B)" after "this subchapter";
13	and
14	(B) by adding at the end the following:
15	"(c) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry
16	out section $648B$ $$387,000,000$ for fiscal year $2006$ ,
17	\$496,000,000 for fiscal year 2007, $$608,000,000$ for fis-
18	cal year 2008, \$723,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, and
19	\$841,000,000 for fiscal year 2010.".
20	(3) Conforming amendments.—Section 640
21	of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835) is amend-
22	ed—
23	(A) in subsection (a)—
24	(i) in paragraph (1), by striking "sec-
25	tion 639" and inserting "section 639(a)":

1	(ii) in paragraph (2)—
2	(I) in the matter preceding sub-
3	paragraph (A), by inserting "pursuant
4	to section 639(a)" after "appro-
5	priated";
6	(II) in subparagraph (B), in the
7	matter following clause (ii), by insert-
8	ing "pursuant to section 639(a)" after
9	"appropriated"; and
10	(III) in subparagraph (C), by in-
11	serting "pursuant to section 639(a)"
12	after "appropriated" each place it ap-
13	pears; and
14	(iii) in paragraph (4), in the matter
15	preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting
16	"pursuant to section 639(a)" after "appro-
17	priated"; and
18	(B) in subsection $(g)(1)$ , by inserting "pur-
19	suant to section 639(a)" after "appropriated"
20	each place it appears.
21	Subtitle C—Expanding Access to
22	<b>Quality, Affordable Child Care</b>
23	SEC. 121. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
24	Section 658B of the Child Care and Development
25	Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858) is amended—

1	(1) by striking "is" and inserting "are"; and
2	(2) by striking "subchapter" and all that fol-
3	lows and inserting "subchapter \$3,100,000,000 for
4	fiscal year 2006, \$4,100,000,000 for fiscal year
5	2007, \$5,100,000,000 for fiscal year 2008,
6	\$6,100,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, and
7	\$7,100,000,000 for fiscal year 2010.".
8	Subtitle D—Strengthening the
9	<b>Quality of Child Care</b>
10	SEC. 131. STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO
11	TRAINING.
12	Section 658E(c) of the Child Care and Development
13	Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(c)) is amended
14	by adding at the end the following:
15	"(6) Training in Early Learning and
16	CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT.—The State plan shall
17	describe any training requirements that are in effect
18	within the State that are designed to enable child
19	care providers to promote the social, emotional,
20	physical, and cognitive development of children and
21	that are applicable to child care providers that pro-
22	vide services for which assistance is made available
23	under this subchapter in the State.".

1	SEC. 132. STRENGTHENING THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE.
2	Section 658G of the Child Care and Development
3	Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858e) is amended
4	to read as follows:
5	"SEC. 658G. ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
6	CHILD CARE.
7	"(a) In General.—
8	"(1) Reservation.—Each State that receives
9	funds appropriated under section 639(a) for a fiscal
10	year shall reserve and use not less than 6 percent
11	of the funds for activities provided directly, or
12	through grants or contracts with resource and refer-
13	ral organizations or other appropriate entities, that
14	are designed to improve the quality of child care
15	services.
16	"(2) Activities.—The funds reserved under
17	paragraph (1) may only be used to—
18	"(A) develop and implement voluntary
19	guidelines on pre-reading and language skills
20	and activities, for child care programs in the
21	State, that are aligned with State standards for
22	kindergarten through grade 12 or the State's
23	general goals for school preparedness;
24	"(B) support activities and provide tech-
25	nical assistance in child care settings to en-
26	hance early learning for young children, to pro-

1	mote literacy, and to foster school prepared-
2	ness;
3	"(C) offer training, professional develop-
4	ment, and educational opportunities for child
5	care providers that relate to the use of develop-
6	mentally appropriate and age-appropriate cur-
7	ricula, and early childhood teaching strategies,
8	that are scientifically based and aligned with
9	the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive de-
10	velopment of children, including—
11	"(i) developing and operating distance
12	learning child care training infrastructures;
13	"(ii) developing model technology-
14	based training courses;
15	"(iii) offering training for caregivers
16	in informal child care settings; and
17	"(iv) offering training for child care
18	providers who care for infants and toddlers
19	and children with special needs;
20	"(D) engage in programs designed to in-
21	crease the retention and improve the com-
22	petencies of child care providers, including wage
23	incentive programs and initiatives that establish
24	tiered payment rates for providers that meet or

1	exceed child care services guidelines, as defined
2	by the State;
3	"(E) evaluate and assess the quality and
4	effectiveness of child care programs and serv-
5	ices offered in the State to young children on
6	improving overall school preparedness; and
7	"(F) carry out other activities determined
8	by the State to improve the quality of child care
9	services provided in the State and for which
10	measurement of outcomes relating to improved
11	child safety, child well-being, or school pre-
12	paredness is possible.
13	"(b) Certification.—For each fiscal year begin-
14	ning after September 30, 2005, the State shall annually
15	submit to the Secretary a certification in which the State
16	certifies and demonstrates that the State was in compli-
17	ance with subsection (a) during the preceding fiscal year
18	and describes how the State used funds made available

19 to carry out this subchapter to comply with subsection (a)

20 during that preceding fiscal year.".

1	TITLE II—PROVIDING SAFE, RE-
2	LIABLE TRANSPORTATION
3	FOR RURAL SCHOOL CHIL-
4	DREN
5	SEC. 201. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.
6	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
7	(1) school transportation issues have concerned
8	parents, local educational agencies, lawmakers, the
9	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,
10	the National Transportation Safety Board, and the
11	Environmental Protection Agency for years;
12	(2) millions of children face potential future
13	health problems because of exposure to noxious
14	fumes emitted from older school buses;
15	(3) the Environmental Protection Agency estab-
16	lished the Clean School Bus USA program to re-
17	place 129,000 of the oldest diesel buses that cannot
18	be retrofitted in an effort to help children and the
19	environment by improving air quality;
20	(4) unfortunately, many rural local educational
21	agencies are unable to participate in that program
22	because of the specialized fuels needed to sustain a
23	clean bus fleet;
24	(5) many rural local educational agencies are
25	operating outdated, unsafe school buses that are

1	failing inspections because of automotive flaws, re-
2	sulting in the depletion of the school bus fleets of
3	the local educational agencies; and
4	(6) many rural local educational agencies are
5	unable to afford to buy newer, safer buses.
6	(b) Purpose.—The purpose of this title is to estab-
7	lish within the Department of Education a Federal cost-
8	sharing program to assist rural local educational agencies
9	with older, unsafe school bus fleets in purchasing newer,
10	safer school buses.
11	SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.
12	In this title:
13	(1) Rural local educational agency.—
14	The term "rural local educational agency" means a
15	local educational agency, as defined in section 9101
16	of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
17	1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801), with respect to which—
18	(A) each county in which a school served
19	by the local educational agency is located has a
20	total population density of fewer than 10 per-
21	sons per square mile;
22	(B) all schools served by the local edu-
23	cational agency are designated with a school lo-
24	cale code of 7 or 8, as determined by the Sec-
25	retary; or

- 1 (C) all schools served by the local edu-2 cational agency have been designated, by official 3 action taken by the legislature of the State in 4 which the local educational agency is located, as 5 rural schools for purposes relating to the provi-6 sion of educational services to students in the 7 State.
- (2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means 8 9 the Secretary of Education.
- 10 (3) School Bus.—The term "school bus" 11 means a vehicle the primary purpose of which is to 12 transport students to and from school or school ac-13 tivities.

#### 14 SEC. 203. GRANT PROGRAM.

15 IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated under subsection (e) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall 16 provide grants, on a competitive basis, to rural local edu-17 18 cational agencies to pay the Federal share of the cost of 19 purchasing new school buses.

### (b) APPLICATION.—

(1) In General.—Each rural local educational 22 agency that seeks to receive a grant under this title 23 shall submit to the Secretary for approval an appli-24 cation at such time, in such manner, and accom-25 panied by such information (in addition to informa-

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1	tion required under paragraph (2)) as the Secretary
2	may require.
3	(2) Contents.—Each application submitted
4	under paragraph (1) shall include—
5	(A) documentation that, of the total num-
6	ber of school buses operated by the rural local
7	educational agency, not less than 50 percent of
8	the school buses are in need of repair or re-
9	placement;
10	(B) documentation of the number of miles
11	that each school bus operated by the rural local
12	educational agency traveled in the most recent
13	9-month academic year;
14	(C) documentation that the rural local edu-
15	cational agency is operating with a reduced
16	fleet of school buses;
17	(D) a certification from the rural local
18	educational agency that—
19	(i) authorizes the application of the
20	rural local educational agency for a grant
21	under this title; and
22	(ii) describes the dedication of the
23	rural local educational agency to school
24	bus replacement programs and school
25	transportation needs (including the num-

1	ber of new school buses needed by the
2	rural local educational agency); and
3	(E) an assurance that the rural local edu-
4	cational agency will pay the non-Federal share
5	of the cost of the purchase of new school buses
6	under this title from non-Federal sources.
7	(c) Priority.—In providing grants under this title,
8	the Secretary shall give priority to rural local educational
9	agencies that, as determined by the Secretary—
10	(1) are transporting students in a bus manufac-
11	tured before 1977;
12	(2) have a grossly depleted fleet of school buses;
13	or
14	(3) serve a school that is required, under sec-
15	tion 1116(b)(9) of the Elementary and Secondary
16	Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6316(b)(9)), to
17	provide transportation to students to enable the stu-
18	dents to transfer to another public school served by
19	the rural local educational agency.
20	(d) Use of Funds.—School buses purchased with
21	grant funds awarded under subsection (a) shall be in com-
22	pliance with proposed air quality regulations and stand-
23	ards of the Environmental Protection Agency for 2006.
24	(e) PAYMENTS: FEDERAL SHARE —

1	(1) Payments.—The Secretary shall pay to
2	each rural local educational agency having an appli-
3	cation approved under this section the Federal share
4	described in paragraph (2) of the cost of purchasing
5	such number of new school buses as is specified in
6	the approved application.
7	(2) Federal share.—The Federal share of
8	the cost of purchasing a new school bus under this
9	title shall be 75 percent.
10	SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
11	There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
12	this title \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums
13	as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through
14	2010.
15	TITLE III—SENSE OF THE SEN-
16	ATE REGARDING FULLY
17	FUNDING THE INDIVIDUALS
18	WITH DISABILITIES EDU-
19	CATION ACT BY 2011
20	SEC. 301. FINDINGS.
21	(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:
22	(1) Disability is a natural part of the human
23	experience and in no way diminishes the right of in-
24	dividuals to participate in or contribute to society.
25	Improving educational results for children with dis-

- abilities is an essential element of our national policy of ensuring equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities. (2) Before the date of enactment of the Edu-
  - (2) Before the date of enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94–142), the predecessor to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), the educational needs of millions of children with disabilities were not being fully met because—
    - (A) the children did not receive appropriate educational services;
    - (B) the children were excluded entirely from the public school system and from being educated with their peers;
    - (C) undiagnosed disabilities prevented the children from having a successful educational experience; or
    - (D) a lack of adequate resources within the public school system forced such families to find services outside the public school system.
  - (3) The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act has been successful in ensuring children with disabilities and the families of such children access

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- to a free appropriate public education and in improving educational results for children with disabilities.
  - (4) The implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act has been impeded by the Federal Government's failure to honor the commitment it made 30 years ago to provide States with 40 percent of the excess costs of special education.
  - (5) While States, local educational agencies, and educational service agencies are primarily responsible for providing an education for all children with disabilities, it is in the national interest that the Federal Government have a supporting role in assisting State and local efforts to educate children with disabilities in order to improve results for such children and to ensure equal protection of the law.
  - (6) Congress passed authorizing language to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and should appropriate such sums as authorized.
  - (7) A more equitable allocation of resources is essential for the Federal Government to meet its responsibility to provide an equal educational opportunity for all individuals.

### SEC. 302. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING AUTHORIZA-

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- 3 It is the sense of the Senate that for the purpose of
- 4 carrying out the Federal Government's commitment to
- 5 children, parents, and the States, there should be author-
- 6 ized to be appropriated—
- 7 (1) \$14,648,647,143 or the maximum amount
- 8 available for awarding grants under section
- 9 611(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
- 10 cation Act, whichever is lower, for fiscal year 2006,
- and there should be appropriated \$4,058,901,319
- for fiscal year 2006, which should become available
- for obligation on July 1, 2006, and should remain
- available through September 30, 2007, except that if
- the maximum amount available for awarding grants
- under section 611(a)(2) of such Act is less than
- 17 \$14,648,647,143, then the amount should be re-
- duced by the difference between \$14,648,647,143
- and the maximum amount available for awarding
- 20 grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act;
- 21 (2) \$16,938,917,714 or the maximum amount
- 22 available for awarding grants under section
- 611(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
- cation Act, whichever is lower, for fiscal year 2007,
- and there should be appropriated \$6,349,171,890
- for fiscal year 2007, which should become available

1 for obligation on July 1, 2007, and should remain 2 available through September 30, 2008, except that if 3 the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act is less than 4 5 \$16,938,917,714, then the amount should be re-6 duced by the difference between \$16,938,917,714 7 and the maximum amount available for awarding 8 grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act;

- (3) \$19,229,188,286 or the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, whichever is lower, for fiscal year 2008, and there should be appropriated \$8,639,442,462 for fiscal year 2008, which should become available for obligation on July 1, 2008, and should remain available through September 30, 2009, except that if the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act is less than \$19,229,188,286, then the amount should be reduced by the difference between \$19,229,188,286 and the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act;
- (4) \$21,519,458,857 or the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-

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cation Act, whichever is lower, for fiscal year 2009, and there should be appropriated \$10,929,713,033 for fiscal year 2009, which should become available for obligation on July 1, 2009, and should remain available through September 30, 2010, except that if the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act is less than \$21,519,458,857, then the amount should be reduced by the difference between \$21,519,458,857 and the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act;

(5) \$23,809,729,429 or the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, whichever is lower, for fiscal year 2010, and there should be appropriated \$13,219,983,605 for fiscal year 2010, which should become available for obligation on July 1, 2010, and should remain available through September 30, 2011, except that if the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act is less than \$23,809,729,429, then the amount should be reduced by the difference between \$23,809,729,429 and the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act;

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(6) \$26,100,000,000 or the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, whichever is lower, for fiscal year 2011, and there should be appropriated \$15,510,254,176 for fiscal year 2011, which should become available for obligation on July 1, 2011, and should remain available through September 30, 2012, except that if the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act is less than \$26,100,000,000, then the amount should be reduced by the difference between \$26,100,000,000 and the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act; and

(7) the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for fiscal year 2012 and each succeeding fiscal year, and there should be appropriated for each such year an amount equal to the maximum amount available for awarding grants under section 611(a)(2) of such Act for the fiscal year for which the determination is made minus \$10,589,745,824, which should become available for obligation on July 1 of the fiscal year for which the

1	determination is made and should remain available
2	through September 30 of the succeeding fiscal year.
3	TITLE IV—IMPROVEMENT OF EL-
4	EMENTARY AND SECONDARY
5	<b>EDUCATION</b>
6	Subtitle A-Public School Choice,
7	Supplemental Educational Serv-
8	ices, and Teacher Quality
9	SEC. 401. PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY.
10	(a) School Capacity.—Section 1116(b)(1)(E) of
11	the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
12	U.S.C. 6316(b)(1)(E)) is amended—
13	(1) in clause (i), by striking "In the case" and
14	inserting "Subject to clauses (ii) and (iii), in the
15	case'';
16	(2) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii);
17	(3) by inserting after clause (i) the following:
18	"(ii) School capacity.—The obliga-
19	tion of a local educational agency to pro-
20	vide the option to transfer to students
21	under clause (i) is subject to all applicable
22	State and local health and safety code re-
23	quirements regarding facility capacity.";
24	and

- 1 (4) in clause (iii) (as redesignated by paragraph 2 (2)), by inserting "and subject to clause (ii)," after
- 3 "public school,".
- 4 (b) Grants for School Construction and Ren-
- 5 OVATION.—
- 6 (1) In General.—Subpart 1 of part A of title
- 7 I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- 8 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) is amended by
- 9 adding at the end the following:
- 10 "SEC. 1120C. GRANTS FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND
- 11 RENOVATION.
- 12 "(a) Program Authorized.—From funds appro-
- 13 priated under subsection (g), the Secretary is authorized
- 14 to award grants to local educational agencies experiencing
- 15 overcrowding in the schools served by the local educational
- 16 agencies, for the construction and renovation of safe,
- 17 healthy, high-performance school buildings.
- 18 "(b) APPLICATION.—Each local educational agency
- 19 desiring a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
- 20 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
- 21 accompanied by such additional information as the Sec-
- 22 retary may require.
- 23 "(c) Priority.—In awarding grants under this sec-
- 24 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to local educational
- 25 agencies—

1	"(1) who have documented difficulties in meet-
2	ing the public school choice requirements of para-
3	graph $(1)(E)$ , $(5)(A)$ , $(7)(C)(i)$ , or $(8)(A)(i)$ of sec-
4	tion $1116(b)$ , or section $1116(c)(10)(C)(vii)$ ; and
5	"(2) with the highest number of schools at or
6	above capacity.
7	"(d) Award Basis.—From funds remaining after
8	awarding grants under subsection (c), the Secretary shall
9	award grants to local educational agencies that are experi-
10	encing overcrowding in the schools served by the local edu-
11	cational agencies.
12	"(e) Prevailing Wages.—Any laborer or mechanic
13	employed by any contractor or subcontractor in the per-
14	formance of work on any construction funded by a grant
15	awarded under this section will be paid wages at rates not
16	less than those prevailing on similar construction in the
17	locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor under
18	subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States
19	Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act).
20	"(f) Definitions.—In this section:
21	"(1) AT OR ABOVE CAPACITY.—The term 'at or
22	above capacity', in reference to a school, means a
23	school in which 1 additional student would increase
24	the average class size of the school above the aver-

1	age class size of all schools in the State in which the
2	school is located.
3	"(2) Healthy, high-performance school
4	BUILDING.—The term 'healthy, high-performance
5	school building' has the meaning given such term in
6	section 5586.
7	"(g) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
8	are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
9	\$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such sums as may
10	be necessary for each of the 2 succeeding fiscal years."
11	(2) Table of contents.—The table of con-
12	tents of the Elementary and Secondary Education
13	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.6301 note) is amended by in-
14	serting after the item relating to section 1120B the
15	following:
	"Sec. 1120C. Grants for school construction and renovation.".
16	SEC. 402. SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.
17	Section 1116(e) of the Elementary and Secondary
18	Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6316(e)) is amended—
19	(1) in paragraph (4)—
20	(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
21	semicolon and inserting ", including criteria
22	that—
23	"(i) ensure that personnel delivering
24	supplemental educational services to stu-
25	dents have adequate qualifications: and

1	"(ii) may, at the State's discretion,
2	ensure that personnel delivering supple-
3	mental educational services to students are
4	teachers that are highly qualified, as such
5	term is defined in section 9101;";
6	(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking
7	"and" after the semicolon;
8	(C) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
9	period and inserting "; and; and
10	(D) by adding at the end the following:
11	"(F) ensure that the list of approved pro-
12	viders of supplemental educational services de-
13	scribed in subparagraph (C) includes a choice
14	of providers that have sufficient capacity to pro-
15	vide effective services for children who are lim-
16	ited English proficient and children with dis-
17	abilities.";
18	(2) in paragraph (5)(C)—
19	(A) by striking "applicable"; and
20	(B) by inserting before the period ", and
21	acknowledge in writing that, as an approved
22	provider in the relevant State educational agen-
23	cy program of providing supplemental edu-
24	cational services, the provider is deemed to be
25	a recipient of Federal financial assistance";

1	(3) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), (8),
2	(9), (10), (11), and (12) as paragraphs (7), (8), (9),
3	(10), (11), (12), and (13), respectively;
4	(4) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
5	lowing:
6	"(6) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in
7	this section shall be construed to prohibit a local
8	educational agency from being considered by a State
9	educational agency as a potential provider of supple-
10	mental educational services under this subsection, if
11	such local educational agency meets the criteria
12	adopted by the State educational agency in accord-
13	ance with paragraph (5).";
14	(5) in paragraph (13) (as redesignated by para-
15	graph (3))—
16	(A) in subparagraph (B)—
17	(i) in clause (ii), by striking "and"
18	after the semicolon;
19	(ii) in clause (iii), by striking "and"
20	after the semicolon; and
21	(iii) by adding at the end the fol-
22	lowing:
23	"(iv) may employ teachers who are
24	highly qualified, as such term is defined in
25	section 9101; and

1	"(v) pursuant to its inclusion on the
2	relevant State educational agency's list de-
3	scribed in paragraph (4)(C), is deemed to
4	be a recipient of Federal financial assist-
5	ance; and"; and
6	(B) in subparagraph (C)—
7	(i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
8	by striking "are";
9	(ii) in clause (i)—
10	(I) by inserting "are" before "in
11	addition"; and
12	(II) by striking "and" after the
13	semicolon;
14	(iii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
15	riod and inserting "; and"; and
16	(iv) by adding at the end the fol-
17	lowing:
18	"(iii) if provided by providers that are
19	included on the relevant State educational
20	agency's list described in paragraph
21	(4)(C), shall be deemed to be programs or
22	activities of the relevant State educational
23	agency."; and
24	(6) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(14) Civil rights.—In providing supple-
2	mental educational services under this subsection, no
3	State educational agency or local educational agency
4	may, directly or through contractual, licensing, or
5	other arrangements with a provider of supplemental
6	educational services, engage in any form of discrimi-
7	nation prohibited by—
8	"(A) title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
9	1964;
10	"(B) title IX of the Education Amend-
11	ments of 1972;
12	"(C) section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
13	of 1973;
14	"(D) titles II and III of the Americans
15	with Disabilities Act;
16	"(E) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975;
17	"(F) regulations promulgated under the
18	authority of the laws listed in subparagraphs
19	(A) through (E); or
20	"(G) other Federal civil rights laws.".
21	SEC. 403. QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND PARA-
22	PROFESSIONALS.
23	(a) High Objective Uniform State Standard
24	OF EVALUATION.—Section 1119 of the Elementary and

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Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6319) is
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             (1) in subsection (a)(2)—
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                  (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
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             through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-
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             tively, and indenting as appropriate;
                  (B) by striking "(2) STATE PLAN.—As
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             part" and inserting the following:
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             "(2) State plan.—
                  "(A) IN GENERAL.—As part"; and
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                  (C) by adding at the end the following:
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                  "(B) Availability of state stand-
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             ARDS.—Each State educational agency shall
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             make available to teachers in the State the high
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             objective uniform State standard of evaluation,
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             as described in section 9101(23)(C)(ii), for the
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             purpose of meeting the teacher qualification re-
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             quirements established under this section.";
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             (2) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g),
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        (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) as subsections (f), (g), (h),
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        (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m), respectively;
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             (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
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        lowing:
        "(e) State Responsibilities.—Each State edu-
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    cational agency shall ensure that local educational agen-
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1	cies in the State make available all options described in
2	subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection $(c)(1)$ to
3	each new or existing paraprofessional for the purpose of
4	demonstrating the qualifications of the paraprofessional,
5	consistent with the requirements of this section."; and
6	(4) in subsection (l) (as redesignated by para-
7	graph (2)), by striking "subsection (l)" and insert-
8	ing "subsection (m)".
9	(b) Definition of Highly Qualified Teach-
10	ERS.—Section 9101(23)(B)(ii) is amended—
11	(1) in subclause (I), by striking "or" after the
12	semicolon;
13	(2) in subclause (II), by striking "and" after
14	the semicolon; and
15	(3) by adding at the end the following:
16	"(III) in the case of a middle
17	school teacher, passing a State-ap-
18	proved middle school generalist exam
19	when the teacher receives a license to
20	teach middle school in the State;
21	"(IV) obtaining a State middle
22	school or secondary school social stud-
23	ies certificate that qualifies the teach-
24	er to teach history, geography, eco-
25	nomics, civics, and government in

1 middle schools or in secondary 2 schools, respectively, in the State; or

"(V) obtaining a State middle school or secondary school science certificate that qualifies the teacher to teach earth science, biology, chemistry, and physics in middle schools or secondary schools, respectively, in the State; and".

#### (c) Ensuring Highly Qualified Teachers.—

- (1) Requirement.—The Secretary of Education shall improve coordination among the teacher quality programs authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), to provide a unified effort in strengthening the American teaching workforce and ensuring highly qualified teachers.
- (2) Report.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall submit a report to the relevant com-

1	mittees of Congress, that shall be made available on
2	the website of the Department of Education, on ef-
3	forts to coordinate programs pursuant to paragraph
4	(1).
5	Subtitle B—Adequate Yearly
6	<b>Progress Determinations</b>
7	SEC. 421. REVIEW OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS DE-
8	TERMINATIONS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE 2002-
9	2003 SCHOOL YEAR.
10	(a) In General.—The Secretary shall require each
11	local educational agency to provide each school served by
12	the agency with an opportunity to request a review of a
13	determination by the agency that the school did not make
14	adequate yearly progress for the 2002–2003 school year
15	(b) Final Determination.—Not later than 30 days
16	after receipt of a request by a school for a review under
17	this section, a local educational agency shall issue and
18	make publicly available a final determination on whether
19	the school made adequate yearly progress for the 2002-
20	2003 school year.
21	(c) EVIDENCE.—In conducting a review under this
22	section, a local educational agency shall—
23	(1) allow the principal of the school involved to
24	submit evidence on whether the school made ade-

1	quate yearly progress for the 2002–2003 school
2	year; and
3	(2) consider that evidence before making a final
4	determination under subsection (b).
5	(d) Standard of Review.—In conducting a review
6	under this section, a local educational agency shall revise
7	consistent with the applicable State plan under section
8	1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
9	1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311), the local educational agency's
10	original determination that a school did not make ade-
11	quate yearly progress for the 2002–2003 school year is
12	the agency finds that the school made such progress, tak-
13	ing into consideration—
14	(1) the amendments made to part 200 of title
15	34, Code of Federal Regulations (68 Fed. Reg
16	68698) (relating to accountability for the academic
17	achievement of students with the most significant
18	cognitive disabilities); or
19	(2) any regulation or guidance that, subsequent
20	to the date of such original determination, was
21	issued by the Secretary relating to—
22	(A) the assessment of limited English pro-
23	ficient children;
24	(B) the inclusion of limited English pro-
25	ficient children as part of the subgroup de-

1	scribed in section $1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)(dd)$ of
2	the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
3	of 1965 (20 U.S.C. $6311(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)(dd)$ )
4	after such children have obtained English pro-
5	ficiency; or
6	(C) any requirement under section
7	1111(b)(2)(I)(ii) of the Elementary and Sec-
8	ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
9	6311(b)(2)(I)(ii)).
10	(e) Effect of Revised Determination.—
11	(1) In general.—If pursuant to a review
12	under this section a local educational agency deter-
13	mines that a school made adequate yearly progress
14	for the 2002–2003 school year, upon such deter-
15	mination—
16	(A) any action by the Secretary, the State
17	educational agency, or the local educational
18	agency that was taken because of a prior deter-
19	mination that the school did not make such
20	progress shall be terminated; and
21	(B) any obligations or actions required of
22	the local educational agency or the school be-
23	cause of the prior determination shall cease to
24	be required.

- 1 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding paragraph
  2 (1), a determination under this section shall not af3 fect any obligation or action required of a local edu4 cational agency or school under the following:
  - (A) Section 1116(b)(13) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6316(b)(13)) (requiring a local educational agency to continue to permit a child who transferred to another school under such section to remain in that school until completion of the highest grade in the school).
  - (B) Section 1116(e)(9) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (as redesignated by section 402(3)) (20 U.S.C. 6316(e)(9)) (requiring a local educational agency to continue to provide supplemental educational services under such section until the end of the school year).
  - (3) Subsequent determining whether a school is subject to school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring as a result of not making adequate yearly progress, the Secretary, a State educational agency, or a local educational agency may not take into account a determination that the school did not make adequate

- yearly progress for the 2002–2003 school year if such determination was revised under this section and the school received a final determination of having made adequate yearly progress for the 2002– 2003 school year.
- 6 (f) Notification.—The Secretary—
- 7 (1) shall require each State educational agency 8 to notify each school served by the agency of the 9 school's ability to request a review under this sec-10 tion; and
- 11 (2) not later than 30 days after the date of the 12 enactment of this section, shall notify the public by 13 means of the Department of Education's website of 14 the review process established under this section.
- 15 SEC. 422. REVIEW OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS DE-
- 16 TERMINATIONS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
- 17 AGENCIES FOR THE 2002–2003 SCHOOL YEAR.
- 18 (a) In General.—The Secretary shall require each
- 19 State educational agency to provide each local educational
- 20 agency in the State with an opportunity to request a re-
- 21 view of a determination by the State educational agency
- 22 that the local educational agency did not make adequate
- 23 yearly progress for the 2002–2003 school year.
- 24 (b) Application of Certain Provisions.—Except
- 25 as inconsistent with, or inapplicable to, this section, the

- 1 provisions of section 421 shall apply to review by a State
- 2 educational agency of a determination described in sub-
- 3 section (a) in the same manner and to the same extent
- 4 as such provisions apply to review by a local educational
- 5 agency of a determination described in section 421(a).

#### 6 SEC. 423. DEFINITIONS.

- 7 In this subtitle:
- 8 (1) The term "adequate yearly progress" has
- 9 the meaning given to that term in section
- 10 1111(b)(2)(C) of the Elementary and Secondary
- 11 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(C)).
- 12 (2) The term "local educational agency" means
- a local educational agency (as that term is defined
- in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary
- Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) receiving
- funds under part A of title I of such Act (20 U.S.C.
- 17 6311 et seg.).
- 18 (3) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary
- of Education.
- 20 (4) The term "school" means an elementary
- school or a secondary school (as those terms are de-
- fined in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-
- 23 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801))
- served under part A of title I of such Act (20 U.S.C.
- 25 6311 et seq.).

1	(5) The term "State educational agency" means
2	a State educational agency (as that term is defined
3	in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary
4	Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) receiving
5	funds under part A of title I of such Act (20 U.S.C.
6	6311 et seq.).
7	Subtitle C—Technical Assistance
8	SEC. 451. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
9	(a) In General.—Part F of title IX of the Elemen-
10	tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
11	7941) is amended—
12	(1) in the part heading, by inserting "AND
13	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" after "EVAL-
14	<b>UATIONS</b> "; and
15	(2) by adding at the end the following:
16	"SEC. 9602. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
17	"The Secretary shall ensure that the technical assist-
18	ance provided by, and the research developed and dissemi-
19	nated through, the Institute of Education Sciences and
20	other offices or agencies of the Department provide edu-
21	cators and parents with the needed information and sup-
22	port for identifying and using educational strategies, pro-
23	grams, and practices, including strategies, programs, and
24	practices available through the clearinghouses supported

- 1 U.S.C. 9501 et seq.) and other federally supported clear-
- 2 inghouses, that have been successful in improving edu-
- 3 cational opportunities and achievement for all students.".
- 4 (b) Table of Contents of
- 5 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
- 6 U.S.C. 6301 note) is amended by inserting after the item
- 7 relating to section 9601 the following:

"Sec. 9602. Technical assistance.".

# 8 TITLE V—IMPROVING ASSESS-

#### 9 MENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- 10 SEC. 501. GRANTS FOR INCREASING DATA CAPACITY FOR
- 11 PURPOSES OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNT-
- 12 ABILITY.
- 13 (a) Program Authorized.—From funds appro-
- 14 priated for a fiscal year, the Secretary may award grants,
- 15 on a competitive basis, to State educational agencies—
- 16 (1) to enable the State educational agencies to
- develop or increase the capacity of data systems for
- assessment and accountability purposes, including
- the collection of graduation rates; and
- 20 (2) to award subgrants to increase the capacity
- of local educational agencies to upgrade, create, or
- 22 manage longitudinal data systems for the purpose of
- 23 measuring student academic progress and achieve-
- 24 ment.

1	(b) State Application.—Each State educational
2	agency desiring a grant under this section shall submit
3	an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-
4	ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
5	require.
6	(c) State Use of Funds.—Each State educational
7	agency that receives a grant under this section shall use—
8	(1) not more than 20 percent of the grant
9	funds for the purpose of—
10	(A) increasing the capacity of, or creating,
11	State databases to collect, disaggregate, and re-
12	port information related to student achieve-
13	ment, enrollment, and graduation rates for as-
14	sessment and accountability purposes; and
15	(B) reporting, on an annual basis, for the
16	elementary schools and secondary schools with-
17	in the State, on—
18	(i) the enrollment data from the be-
19	ginning of the academic year;
20	(ii) the enrollment data from the end
21	of the academic year; and
22	(iii) the twelfth grade graduation
23	rates; and
24	(2) not less than 80 percent of the grant funds
25	to award subgrants to local educational agencies

1	within the State to enable the local educational
2	agencies to carry out the authorized activities de-
3	scribed in subsection (e).
4	(d) Local Application.—Each local educational
5	agency desiring a subgrant under this section shall submit
6	an application to the State educational agency at such
7	time, in such manner, and containing such information as
8	the State educational agency may require. Each such ap-
9	plication shall include, at a minimum, a demonstration of
10	the local educational agency's ability to put a longitudinal
11	data system in place.
12	(e) Local Authorized Activities.—Each local
13	educational agency that receives a subgrant under this
14	section shall use the subgrant funds to increase the capac-
15	ity of the local educational agency to upgrade or manage
16	longitudinal data systems consistent with the uses in sub-
17	section $(c)(1)$ , by—
18	(1) purchasing database software or hardware;
19	(2) hiring additional staff for the purpose of
20	managing such data;
21	(3) providing professional development or addi-
22	tional training for such staff; and
23	(4) providing professional development or train-
24	ing for principals and teachers on how to effectively
25	use such data to implement instructional strategies

1	to improve student achievement and graduation
2	rates.
3	(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
4	(1) Graduation rate.—The term "graduation
5	rate" means the percentage that—
6	(A) the total number of students who—
7	(i) graduate from a secondary school
8	with a regular diploma (which shall not in-
9	clude the recognized equivalent of a sec-
10	ondary school diploma or an alternative de-
11	gree) in an academic year; and
12	(ii) graduated on time by progressing
13	1 grade per academic year; represents of
14	(B) the total number of students who en-
15	tered the secondary school in the entry level
16	academic year applicable to the graduating stu-
17	dents.
18	(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
19	the Secretary of Education.
20	(3) State educational agency and local
21	EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The terms "State edu-
22	cational agency" and "local educational agency"
23	have the meanings given such terms in section 9101
24	of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
25	1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

1	(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2	are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3	\$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such sums as may
4	be necessary for each of the 2 succeeding fiscal years.
5	SEC. 502. GRANTS FOR ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN WITH
6	DISABILITIES AND CHILDREN WHO ARE LIM-
7	ITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT.
8	(a) Grants for Assessment of Children With
9	DISABILITIES AND CHILDREN WHO ARE LIMITED
10	ENGLISH PROFICIENT.—Part E of title I of the Elemen-
11	tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
12	6491 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13	lowing:
14	"SEC. 1505. GRANTS FOR ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN WITH
15	DISABILITIES AND CHILDREN WHO ARE LIM-
16	ITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT.
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	"(a) Grants Authorized.—From amounts author-
18	"(a) Grants Authorized.—From amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (e) for a fiscal
	ized to be appropriated under subsection (e) for a fiscal
19	ized to be appropriated under subsection (e) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants, on a competitive
19 20	ized to be appropriated under subsection (e) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational agencies, or to consortia of
19 20 21 22	ized to be appropriated under subsection (e) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational agencies, or to consortia of State educational agencies, to enable the State educational

1	"(1) to design and improve State academic as-
2	sessments for students who are limited English pro-
3	ficient and students with disabilities; and
4	"(2) to ensure the most accurate, valid, and re-
5	liable means to assess academic content standards
6	and student academic achievement standards for
7	students who are limited English proficient and stu-
8	dents with disabilities.
9	"(b) Authorized Activities.—A State educational
10	agency or consortium that receives a grant under this sec-
11	tion shall use the grant funds to carry out 1 or more of
12	the following activities:
13	"(1) Developing alternate assessments for stu-
14	dents with disabilities, consistent with section 1111
15	and the amendments made on December 9, 2003, to
16	part 200 of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations
17	(68 Fed. Reg. 68698) (relating to accountability for
18	the academic achievement of students with the most
19	significant cognitive disabilities), including—
20	"(A) the alignment of such assessments, as
21	appropriate and consistent with such amend-
22	ments, with—
23	"(i) State student academic achieve-
24	ment standards and State academic con-
25	tent standards for all students; or

1	"(ii) alternate State student academic
2	achievement standards that reflect the in-
3	tended instructional construct for students
4	with disabilities;
5	"(B) activities to ensure that such assess-
6	ments do not reflect the disabilities, or associ-
7	ated characteristics, of the students that are ex-
8	traneous to the intent of the measurement;
9	"(C) the development of an implementation
10	plan for pilot tests for such assessments, in
11	order to determine the level of appropriateness
12	and feasibility of full-scale administration; and
13	"(D) activities that provide for the reten-
14	tion of all feasible standardized features in the
15	alternate assessments.
16	"(2) Developing alternate assessments that
17	meet the requirements of section 1111 for students
18	who are limited English proficient, including—
19	"(A) the alignment of such assessments
20	with State student academic achievement stand-
21	ards and State academic content standards for
22	all students;
23	"(B) the development of parallel native
24	language assessments or linguistically modified
25	assessments for limited English proficient stu-

1	dents that meet the requirements of section
2	1111(b)(3)(C)(ix)(III);
3	"(C) the development of an implementation
4	plan for pilot tests for such assessments, in
5	order to determine the level of appropriateness
6	and feasibility of full-scale administration; and
7	"(D) activities that provide for the reten-
8	tion of all feasible standardized features in the
9	alternate assessments.
10	"(3) Developing, modifying, or revising State
11	policies and criteria for appropriate accommodations
12	to ensure the full participation of students who are
13	limited English proficient and students with disabil-
14	ities in State academic assessments, including—
15	"(A) developing a plan to ensure that as-
16	sessments provided with accommodations are
17	fully included and integrated into the account-
18	ability system, for the purpose of making the
19	determinations of adequate yearly progress re-
20	quired under section 1116;
21	"(B) ensuring the validity, reliability, and
22	appropriateness of such accommodations, such
23	as—
24	"(i) a modification to the presentation
25	or format of the assessment:

1	"(ii) the use of assistive devices;
2	"(iii) an extension of the time allowed
3	for testing;
4	"(iv) an alteration of the test setting
5	or procedures;
6	"(v) the administration of portions of
7	the test in a method appropriate for the
8	level of language proficiency of the test
9	taker;
10	"(vi) the use of a glossary or dic-
11	tionary; and
12	"(vii) the use of a linguistically modi-
13	fied assessment;
14	"(C) ensuring that State policies and cri-
15	teria for appropriate accommodations take into
16	account the form or program of instruction pro-
17	vided to students, including the level of dif-
18	ficulty, reliability, cultural difference, and con-
19	tent equivalence of such form or program;
20	"(D) ensuring that such policies are con-
21	sistent with the standards prepared by the
22	Joint Committee on Standards for Educational
23	and Psychological Testing of the American
24	Educational Research Association, the Amer-
25	ican Psychological Association, and the Na-

1	tional Council on Measurement in Education;
2	and
3	"(E) developing a plan for providing train-
4	ing on the use of accommodations to school in-
5	structional staff, families, students, and other
6	appropriate parties.
7	"(4) Developing universally designed assess-
8	ments that can be accessible to all students, includ-
9	ing—
10	"(A) examining test item or test perform-
11	ance for students with disabilities and students
12	who are limited English proficient, to determine
13	the extent to which the test item or test is uni-
14	versally designed;
15	"(B) using think aloud and cognitive lab-
16	oratory procedures, as well as item statistics, to
17	identify test items that may pose particular
18	problems for students with disabilities or stu-
19	dents who are limited English proficient;
20	"(C) developing and implementing a plan
21	to ensure that developers and reviewers of test
22	items are trained in the principles of universal
23	design; and
24	"(D) developing computer-based applica-
25	tions of universal design principles.

1	"(c) Application.—Each State educational agency
2	or consortium of State educational agencies, desiring to
3	apply for a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
4	cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
5	containing such information as the Secretary may require
6	including—
7	"(1) information regarding the institutions of
8	higher education, research institutions, or other or-
9	ganizations that are collaborating with the State
10	educational agency or consortium, in accordance
11	with subsection (a);
12	"(2) in the case of a consortium of State edu-
13	cational agencies, the designation of 1 State edu-
14	cational agency as the fiscal agent for the receipt of
15	grant funds;
16	"(3) a description of the process and criteria by
17	which the State educational agency will identify stu-
18	dents that are unable to participate in general State
19	content assessments and are eligible to take alter-
20	nate assessments, consistent with the amendments
21	made to part 200 of title 34, Code of Federal Regu-
22	lations (68 Fed. Reg. 68698);
23	"(4) in the case of a State educational agency

or consortium carrying out the activity described in

subsection (b)(1)(A), a description of how the State

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- educational agency plans to fulfill the requirement of subsection (b)(1)(A);

  "(5) in the case of a State educational agency
  - "(5) in the case of a State educational agency or consortium carrying out the activities described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of subsection (b), information regarding the proposed techniques for the development of alternate assessments, including a description of the technical adequacy of, technical aspects of, and scoring for such assessments;
  - "(6) a plan for providing training for school instructional staff, families, students, and other appropriate parties on the use of alternate assessments; and
- "(7) information on how the scores of students participating in alternate assessments will be reported to the public and to parents.
- "(d) EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIRE18 MENTS.—Each State educational agency receiving a grant
  19 under this section shall submit an annual report to the
  20 Secretary describing the activities carried out under the
  21 grant and the result of such activities, including—
- "(1) details on the effectiveness of the activities supported under this section in helping students with disabilities, or students who are limited English

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- 1 proficient, better participate in State assessment
- 2 programs; and
- 3 "(2) information on the change in achievement,
- 4 if any, of students with disabilities and students who
- 5 are limited English proficient, as a result of a more
- 6 accurate assessment of such students.
- 7 "(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
- 8 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
- 9 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such sums as may
- 10 be necessary for each of the 2 succeeding fiscal years.".
- 11 (b) Table of Contents of
- 12 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
- 13 U.S.C. 6301 note) is amended by inserting after the item
- 14 relating to section 1504 the following:

"Sec. 1505. Grants for assessment of children with disabilities and children who are limited English proficient.".

- 15 SEC. 503. REPORTS ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND GRAD-
- 16 UATION RATES.
- 17 (a) STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION
- 18 Rates.—Part E of title I of the Elementary and Sec-
- 19 ondary Education Act of 1965 (as amended by section
- 20 502) (20 U.S.C. 6491 et seq.) is amended by adding at
- 21 the end the following:

1	"SEC. 1506. REPORTS ON STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND
2	GRADUATION RATES.
3	"(a) In General.—The Secretary shall collect from
4	each State educational agency, local educational agency,
5	and school, on an annual basis, the following data:
6	"(1) The number of students enrolled in each
7	of grades 7 through 12 at the beginning of the most
8	recent school year.
9	"(2) The number of students enrolled in each
10	of grades 7 through 12 at the end of the most recent
11	school year.
12	"(3) The graduation rate for the most recent
13	school year.
14	"(4) The data described in paragraphs (1)
15	through (3), disaggregated by the groups of students
16	described in section $1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II)$ .
17	"(b) Annual Report.—The Secretary shall report
18	the information collected under subsection (a) on an an-
19	nual basis.".
20	(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of
21	the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (as
22	amended by section 502(b)) (20 U.S.C. 6301 note) is
23	amended by inserting after the item relating to section
24	1505 the following:

"Sec. 1506. Reports on student enrollment and graduation rates.".

#### 1 SEC. 504. CIVIL RIGHTS.

2	Section 9534 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
3	cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7914) is amended—
4	(1) by redesignating subsections (a) and (b) as
5	subsections (b) and (c), respectively; and
6	(2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as redes-
7	ignated by paragraph (1)) the following:
8	"(a) Prohibition of Discrimination.—Discrimi-
9	nation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (except as
10	otherwise permitted under title IX of the Education
11	Amendments of 1972), national origin, or disability in any
12	program funded under this Act is prohibited.".
13	TITLE VI—SENSE OF THE SEN-
14	ATE REGARDING FUNDING
15	FOR ELEMENTARY AND SEC-
16	ONDARY EDUCATION
17	SEC. 601. SENSE OF THE SENATE.
18	(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:
19	(1) Congress enacted, with bipartisan support,
20	and the President signed into law the No Child Left
21	Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–210; 115 Stat.
22	1425), that reauthorized the Elementary and Sec-

ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et

seq.). The new law required States to set high stand-

ards for learning and required schools to implement

reforms to help improve student achievement. In re-

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- turn, Congress and the President pledged to make sure schools would have resources to carry out the reforms as called for in the new law.
- 4 (2) \$22,750,000,000 is needed to fund part A
  5 of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Edu6 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) in fiscal
  7 year 2006, as promised pursuant to the No Child
  8 Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–210; 115
  9 Stat. 1425).
- 10 (3) \$25,000,000,000 is needed to fund part A
  11 of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Edu12 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) in fiscal
  13 year 2007, as promised pursuant to the No Child
  14 Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–210; 115
  15 Stat. 1425).
- 16 (b) Sense of the Senate.—It is the sense of the 17 Senate that—
- 18 (1) it is in the best interest of the Nation that
  19 all students have access to a high-quality elementary
  20 and secondary education; and
- 21 (2) part A of title I of the Elementary and Sec-22 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et 23 seq.) should be funded as promised pursuant to the 24 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 25 107–210; 115 Stat. 1425).

## TITLE VII—PROVIDING A ROAD-

### 2 MAP FOR FIRST GENERATION

### 3 COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS

- 4 SEC. 701. EXPANSION OF TRIO AND GEARUP.
- 5 The Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001
- 6 et seq.) is amended—
- 7 (1) in section 402A(f), by striking
- 8 "\$700,000,000 for fiscal year 1999" and inserting
- 9 "\$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2006"; and
- 10 (2) by striking section 404H and inserting the
- 11 following:
- 12 "SEC. 404H. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
- "There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
- 14 this chapter \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such
- 15 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding
- 16 fiscal years.".
- 17 TITLE VIII—COLLEGE TUITION
- 18 RELIEF FOR STUDENTS AND
- 19 THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH
- 20 **PELL GRANTS**
- 21 SEC. 801. PELL GRANTS TAX TABLES HOLD HARMLESS.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the an-
- 23 nual updates to the allowance for State and other taxes
- 24 in the tables used in the Federal Need Analysis Method-
- 25 ology to determine a student's expected family contribu-

- 1 tion for the award year 2005–2006 under part F of title
- 2 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
- 3 1087kk et seq.), published in the Federal Register on
- 4 Thursday, December 23, 2004 (69 Fed. Reg. 76926),
- 5 shall not apply to a student to the extent the updates will
- 6 reduce the amount of Federal student assistance for which
- 7 the student is eligible.
- 8 SEC. 802. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING INCREASING
- 9 THE MAXIMUM PELL GRANT.
- 10 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following 11 findings:
- 12 (1) Increasing the percentage of individuals who
  13 obtain a postsecondary education has become in14 creasingly important, not just to the individual bene15 ficiary, but to the Nation as a whole. The growth
  16 and continued expansion of the Nation's economy is
  17 heavily dependent on an educated and highly skilled
  18 workforce.
  - (2) The opportunity to gain a postsecondary education also is important to the Nation as a means to help advance the American ideals of progress and equality.
- 23 (3) The Federal Government plays an invalu-24 able role in making student financial aid available to 25 ensure that qualified students are able to attend col-

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- lege, regardless of their financial means. Since the inception of the Pell Grant program in 1973, nearly 80,000,000 grants have helped low- and middle-income students go to college, enrich their lives, and become productive members of society.
  - (4) Nationwide, almost 63 percent of secondary school graduates continue on to higher education immediately after completing secondary school. This degree of college participation would not exist without the Federal investment in student aid, especially the Pell Grant program. More than 4,000,000 lowand middle-income students receive Pell Grants; 95 percent of whom have a family income of not more than \$40,000.
  - (5) In the next 10 years, the number of undergraduate students enrolled in the Nation's colleges and universities will increase by 15 percent to more than 15,000,000 students. Many of these students will be the first in their families to attend college. The continued investment in the Pell Grant program is essential if college is to remain an achievable part of the American dream.
  - (6) Increasing the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,100 would allow more than 430,000 additional students to benefit from the program.

1	(7) Increasing the maximum Pell Grant to
2	\$5,100 would result in 200,000 new Pell Grant re-
3	cipients.
4	(8) Pell Grant recipients are more likely to
5	graduate with student loan debt and to amass more
6	debt than other student borrowers. Increasing the
7	maximum Pell Grant to \$5,100 will help remedy this
8	disparity.
9	(b) Sense of the Senate.—It is the sense of the
10	Senate that—
11	(1) the maximum Pell Grant should be in-
12	creased to \$5,100 during award year 2006–2007;
13	and
14	(2) the maximum Pell Grant amount set by
15	Congress should be the amount eligible students re-
16	ceive.
17	SEC. 803. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PELL DEMONSTRATION
18	PROGRAM.
19	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that:
20	(1) A student remains eligible to receive a Fed-
21	eral Pell Grant as long as the student is income-eli-
22	gible and has not received a bachelor's degree.
23	(2) By encouraging persistence and degree ac-
24	quisition in a timely manner, the Federal Govern-
25	ment, in effect, saves money—

1	(A) by reducing the courses that do not
2	lead to a degree; and
3	(B) by helping students get the financial
4	benefits of a college degree as soon as possible.
5	(b) Pell Demonstration Program.—
6	(1) Authorization.—The Secretary of Edu-
7	cation shall establish a demonstration program to fa-
8	cilitate the ability of low-income students to com-
9	plete the students' degree within 150 percent of the
10	time expected to complete such degree.
11	(2) Grants.—The Secretary of Education shall
12	award competitive grants to institutions of higher
13	education to enable students who are eligible to re-
14	ceive Federal Pell Grants under subpart 1 of part A
15	of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
16	U.S.C. 1070a et seq.) to enroll in courses in the
17	summer at such institutions to expedite the stu-
18	dents' graduation from the institutions.
19	(3) Authorization of appropriations.—
20	There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
21	this subsection \$500,000,000 for the period of fiscal

years 2006 through 2008.

## IX—TUITION FREE TITLE COL-**FOR** MATHEMATICS, **LEGE** 2 SCIENCE, AND SPECIAL EDU-3 **CATION TEACHERS** 4 5 SEC. 901. PURPOSE. 6 It is the purpose of this title to make public college 7 tuition free for future mathematics, science, and special 8 education teachers and to provide additional assistance to 9 students eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant under 10 subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education 11 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.). 12 SEC. 902. TUITION FREE COLLEGE FOR MATHEMATICS, 13 SCIENCE, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACH-14 ERS. 15 (a) Additional Amounts for Teachers in Math-EMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION.— 17 (1) FFEL LOANS.—Section 428J(c)(3) of the 18 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078– 19 10(c)(3)) is amended by striking "\$17,500" and inserting "\$23,000". 20 21 (2) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 460(c)(3) of the 22 Education Act of 1965(20)Higher U.S.C. 23 1087j(c)(3)) is amended by striking "\$17,500" and 24 inserting "\$23,000".

1	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply only with respect to eligible individ-
3	uals who are new borrowers on or after October 1, 1998.
4	SEC. 903. OFFSET FOR TUITION FREE COLLEGE FOR MATH-
5	EMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SPECIAL EDU-
6	CATION TEACHERS.
7	(a) Special Allowances.—
8	(1) In General.—Section 438(b)(2)(B) of the
9	Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–
10	1(b)(2)(B)) is amended—
11	(A) in clause (iv), by striking "or refunded
12	after September 30, 2004, and before January
13	1, 2006," and inserting "or refunded on or
14	after the date of enactment of the Taxpayer-
15	Teacher Protection Act of 2004,"; and
16	(B) by striking clause (v) and inserting the
17	following:
18	"(v) Notwithstanding clauses (i) and
19	(ii), the quarterly rate of the special allow-
20	ance shall be the rate determined under
21	subparagraph (A), (E), (F), (G), (H), or
22	(I) of this paragraph, or paragraph (4), as
23	the case may be, for loans—
24	"(I) originated, transferred, or
25	nurchased on or after the date of en-

1	actment of the Taxpayer-Teacher Pro-
2	tection Act of 2004;
3	"(II) financed by an obligation
4	that has matured, been retired, or
5	defeased on or after the date of enact-
6	ment of the Taxpayer-Teacher Protec-
7	tion Act of 2004;
8	"(III) which the special allowance
9	was determined under such subpara-
10	graphs or paragraph, as the case may
11	be, on or after the date of enactment
12	of the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection
13	Act of 2004;
14	"(IV) for which the maturity
15	date of the obligation from which
16	funds were obtained for such loans
17	was extended on or after the date of
18	enactment of the Taxpayer-Teacher
19	Protection Act of 2004; or
20	"(V) sold or transferred to any
21	other holder on or after the date of
22	enactment of the Taxpayer-Teacher
23	Protection Act of 2004.".
24	(2) Rule of construction.—Nothing in the
25	amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be con-

- 1 strued to abrogate a contractual agreement between
- 2 the Federal Government and a student loan pro-
- 3 vider.
- 4 (b) Available Funds From Reduced Expendi-
- 5 Tures.—
- 6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any funds available to the
- 7 Secretary of Education as a result of reduced ex-
- 8 penditures under section 438 of the Higher Edu-
- 9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–1) secured by
- the enactment of subsection (a) shall first be used
- by the Secretary for loan cancellation and loan for-
- giveness for teachers under sections 428J and 460
- of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
- 14 1078–10, 1087j), as amended by section 902 of this
- 15 Act.

## 16 (2) Remaining funds.—

- 17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any such funds re-
- maining after carrying out paragraph (1) shall
- be used by the Secretary of Education to make
- payments to each nonprofit lender in an
- amount that bears the same relation to the re-
- maining funds as the amount the nonprofit
- lender receives for fiscal year 2005 under sec-
- 24 tion 438(b)(2)(B) of the Higher Education Act
- of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–1(b)(2)(B)) bears to

1	the total amount received by nonprofit lenders
2	for fiscal year 2005 under such section.
3	(B) DEFINITION OF NONPROFIT LEND-
4	ER.—In this paragraph the term "nonprofit
5	lender" means an eligible lender (as defined in
6	section 435(d) of the Higher Education Act of
7	1965 (20 U.S.C.1085(d)) that—
8	(i) is an organization described in sec-
9	tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
10	Code of 1986;
11	(ii) is a nonprofit entity as defined by
12	applicable State law; and
13	(iii) meets the following requirements:
14	(I) The nonprofit lender does not
15	confer a salary or benefits to any em-
16	ployee of the nonprofit lender in an
17	amount that is in excess of the salary
18	and benefits provided to the Secretary
19	of Education by the Department of
20	Education.
21	(II) The nonprofit lender does
22	not maintain an ongoing relationship
23	whereby the nonprofit lender passes
24	on revenue directly or indirectly
25	through lease, securitization, resale,

1	or any other financial instrument to a
2	for-profit entity or to shareholders.
3	(III) The nonprofit lender does
4	not offer benefits to a borrower in a
5	manner directly or indirectly predi-
6	cated on such borrower's participa-
7	tion—
8	(aa) in a program under
9	part B or D of title IV of the
10	Higher Education Act of 1965
11	(20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq., 1087a
12	et seq.); or
13	(bb) with any particular
14	lender.
15	(IV) The nonprofit lender cer-
16	tifies that the nonprofit lender uses
17	the payment received pursuant to sub-
18	paragraph (A) to confer grant or
19	scholarship benefits to students who
20	are eligible to receive Federal Pell
21	Grants under subpart 1 of part A of
22	title IV of the Higher Education Act
23	of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.).
24	(V) The nonprofit lender is sub-
25	ject to public oversight through either

1	a State charter, or through not less
2	than 50 percent of the nonprofit lend-
3	er's board of directors consisting of
4	State appointed representatives.
5	(VI) The nonprofit lender does
6	not engage in the marketing of the

not engage in the marketing of the relative value of programs under part B of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as compared to programs under part D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, nor does the nonprofit lender engage in the marketing of loans or programs offered by for-profit lenders. This subclause shall not be construed to prohibit the nonprofit lender from conferring basic information on lenders under part B of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the related benefits offered by such nonprofit lenders.

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1	TITLE X-MAKING COLLEGE AF-
2	FORDABLE FOR ALL STU-
3	DENTS
4	SEC. 1001. EXPANSION OF DEDUCTION FOR HIGHER EDU
5	CATION EXPENSES.
6	(a) Amount of Deduction.—Subsection (b) of sec
7	tion 222 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating
8	to deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses) is
9	amended to read as follows:
10	"(b) Limitations.—
11	"(1) Dollar limitations.—
12	"(A) In general.—Except as provided in
13	paragraph (2), the amount allowed as a deduc-
14	tion under subsection (a) with respect to the
15	taxpayer for any taxable year shall not exceed
16	the applicable dollar limit.
17	"(B) APPLICABLE DOLLAR LIMIT.—The
18	applicable dollar limit for any taxable year shal
19	be determined as follows:
	Taxable year:       dollar amount         2005 and 2006       \$6,000         2007 and 2008       \$8,000         2009 and 2010       \$10,000         2011 and thereafter       \$12,000
20	"(2) Limitation based on modified ad-
1	HISTED GROSS INCOME —

1	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount which
2	would (but for this paragraph) be taken into ac-
3	count under subsection (a) shall be reduced
4	(but not below zero) by the amount determined
5	under subparagraph (B).
6	"(B) Amount of Reduction.—The
7	amount determined under this subparagraph
8	equals the amount which bears the same ratio
9	to the amount which would be so taken into ac-
10	count as—
11	"(i) the excess of—
12	"(I) the taxpayer's modified ad-
13	justed gross income for such taxable
14	year, over
15	"(II) $$65,000$ ( $$130,000$ in the
16	case of a joint return), bears to
17	"(ii) \$15,000 (\$30,000 in the case of
18	a joint return).
19	"(C) Modified adjusted gross in-
20	COME.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
21	term 'modified adjusted gross income' means
22	the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for
23	the taxable year determined—
24	"(i) without regard to this section and
25	sections 199, 911, 931, and 933, and

1	"(ii) after the application of sections
2	86, 135, 137, 219, 221, and 469.
3	For purposes of the sections referred to in
4	clause (ii), adjusted gross income shall be deter-
5	mined without regard to the deduction allowed
6	under this section.
7	"(D) Inflation adjustments.—
8	"(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any
9	taxable year beginning in a calendar year
10	after 2005, both of the dollar amounts in
11	subparagraph (B)(i)(II) shall be increased
12	by an amount equal to—
13	"(I) such dollar amount, multi-
14	plied by
15	"(II) the cost-of-living adjust-
16	ment determined under section 1(f)(3)
17	for the calendar year in which the tax-
18	able year begins, by substituting 'cal-
19	endar year 2004' for 'calendar year
20	1992' in subparagraph (B) thereof.
21	"(ii) Rounding.—If any amount as
22	adjusted under clause (i) is not a multiple
23	of \$50, such amount shall be rounded to
24	the nearest multiple of \$50.".

1 (b) Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses 2 OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.— 3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 222(a) of the Inter-4 nal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to allowance of 5 deduction) is amended by inserting "of eligible stu-6 dents" after "expenses". 7 (2) Definition of eligible student.—Sec-8 tion 222(d) of such Code (relating to definitions and 9 special rules) is amended by redesignating para-10 graphs (2) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through 11 (7), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph 12 (1) the following new paragraph: 13 "(2) ELIGIBLE STUDENT.—The term 'eligible 14 student' has the meaning given such term by section 15 36(b)(3).". 16 (c) DEDUCTION MADE PERMANENT.—Title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 18 2001 (relating to sunset of provisions of such Act) shall not apply to the amendments made by section 431 of such 20 Act. 21 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 22 this section shall apply to payments made in taxable years

beginning after December 31, 2004.

1	SEC. 1002. CREDIT FOR INTEREST ON HIGHER EDUCATION
2	LOANS.
3	(a) In General.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
4	chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
5	1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is
6	amended by inserting after section 25B the following new
7	section:
8	"SEC. 25C. INTEREST ON HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS.
9	"(a) Allowance of Credit.—In the case of an in-
10	dividual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
11	imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount
12	equal to the interest paid by the taxpayer during the tax-
13	able year on any qualified education loan.
14	"(b) Maximum Credit.—
15	"(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
16	graph (2), the credit allowed by subsection (a) for
17	the taxable year shall not exceed \$1,500.
18	"(2) Limitation based on modified ad-
19	JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—
20	"(A) In General.—If the modified ad-
21	justed gross income of the taxpayer for the tax-
22	able year exceeds \$50,000 (\$100,000 in the
23	case of a joint return), the amount which would
24	(but for this paragraph) be allowable as a credit
25	under this section shall be reduced (but not

below zero) by the amount which bears the

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1	same ratio to the amount which would be so al-
2	lowable as such excess bears to \$20,000
3	(\$40,000 in the case of a joint return).
4	"(B) Modified adjusted gross in-
5	COME.—The term 'modified adjusted gross in-
6	come' means adjusted gross income determined
7	without regard to sections 199, 222, 911, 931,
8	and 933.
9	"(C) Inflation adjustment.—In the
10	case of any taxable year beginning after 2005,
11	the \$50,000 and \$100,000 amounts referred to
12	in subparagraph (A) shall be increased by an
13	amount equal to—
14	"(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by
15	"(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-
16	termined under section 1(f)(3) for the cal-
17	endar year in which the taxable year be-
18	gins, by substituting '2004' for '1992'.
19	"(D) Rounding.—If any amount as ad-
20	justed under subparagraph (C) is not a multiple
21	of \$50, such amount shall be rounded to the
22	nearest multiple of \$50.
23	"(c) Dependents Not Eligible for Credit.—No
24	credit shall be allowed by this section to an individual for
25	the taxable year if a deduction under section 151 with re-

- 1 spect to such individual is allowed to another taxpayer for
- 2 the taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which
- 3 such individual's taxable year begins.
- 4 "(d) Limit on Period Credit Allowed.—A credit
- 5 shall be allowed under this section only with respect to
- 6 interest paid on any qualified education loan during the
- 7 first 60 months (whether or not consecutive) in which in-
- 8 terest payments are required. For purposes of this para-
- 9 graph, any loan and all refinancings of such loan shall be
- 10 treated as 1 loan.
- 11 "(e) Definitions.—For purposes of this section—
- 12 "(1) QUALIFIED EDUCATION LOAN.—The term
- 13 'qualified education loan' has the meaning given
- such term by section 221(d)(1).
- 15 "(2) DEPENDENT.—The term 'dependent' has
- the meaning given such term by section 152.
- 17 "(f) Special Rules.—
- 18 "(1) Denial of double benefit.—No credit
- shall be allowed under this section for any amount
- 20 taken into account for any deduction under any
- 21 other provision of this chapter.
- 22 "(2) Married couples must file joint re-
- 23 TURN.—If the taxpayer is married at the close of
- the taxable year, the credit shall be allowed under
- subsection (a) only if the taxpayer and the tax-

- 1 payer's spouse file a joint return for the taxable
- 2 year.
- 3 "(3) Marital status shall be
- 4 determined in accordance with section 7703.".
- 5 (b) Conforming Amendment.—The table of sec-
- 6 tions for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter
- 7 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
- 8 inserting after the item relating to section 25B the fol-
- 9 lowing new item:

"Sec. 25C. Interest on higher education loans.".

- 10 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 11 this section shall apply to any qualified education loan (as
- 12 defined in section 25C(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
- 13 of 1986, as added by this section) incurred on, before, or
- 14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, but only with
- 15 respect to any loan interest payment due after December
- 16 31, 2004.
- 17 SEC. 1003. HOPE AND LIFETIME LEARNING CREDITS TO BE
- 18 **REFUNDABLE.**
- 19 (a) Credit To Be Refundable.—Section 25A of
- 20 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to Hope and
- 21 Lifetime Learning credits) is hereby moved to subpart C
- 22 of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code (re-
- 23 lating to refundable credits) and inserted after section 35.
- 24 (b) Technical Amendments.—

1	(1) Section 36 of such Code is redesignated as
2	section 37.
3	(2) Section 25A of such Code (as moved by
4	subsection (a)) is redesignated as section 36.
5	(3) Paragraph (1) of section 36(a) of such Code
6	(as redesignated by paragraph (2)) is amended by
7	striking "this chapter" and inserting "this subtitle".
8	(4) Subparagraph (B) of section $72(t)(7)$ of
9	such Code is amended by striking "section
10	25A(g)(2)" and inserting "section $36(g)(2)$ ".
11	(5) Subparagraph (A) of section 135(d)(2) of
12	such Code is amended by striking "section 25A" and
13	inserting "section 36".
14	(6) Section 221(d) of such Code is amended—
15	(A) by striking "section $25A(g)(2)$ " in
16	paragraph (2)(B) and inserting "section
17	36(g)(2)",
18	(B) by striking "section 25A(f)(2)" in the
19	matter following paragraph (2)(B) and insert-
20	ing "section $36(f)(2)$ ", and
21	(C) by striking "section 25A(b)(3)" in
22	paragraph (3) and inserting "section 36(b)(3)".
23	(7) Section 222 of such Code is amended—

1	(A) by striking "section 25A" in subpara-
2	graph (A) of subsection (c)(2) and inserting
3	"section 36",
4	(B) by striking "section 25A(f)" in sub-
5	section (d)(1) and inserting "section 36(f)",
6	and
7	(C) by striking "section 25A(g)(2)" in sub-
8	section $(d)(1)$ and inserting "section $36(g)(2)$ ".
9	(8) Section 529 of such Code is amended—
10	(A) by striking "section 25A(g)(2)" in sub-
11	clause (I) of subsection (c)(3)(B)(v) and insert-
12	ing "section $36(g)(2)$ ",
13	(B) by striking "section 25A" in subclause
14	(II) of subsection $(c)(3)(B)(v)$ and inserting
15	"section 36", and
16	(C) by striking "section 25A(b)(3)" in
17	clause (i) of subsection (e)(3)(B) and inserting
18	"section 36(b)(3)".
19	(9) Section 530 of such Code is amended—
20	(A) by striking "section 25A(g)(2)" in sub-
21	clause (I) of subsection (d)(2)(C)(i) and insert-
22	ing "section $36(g)(2)$ ",
23	(B) by striking "section 25A" in subclause
24	(II) of subsection $(d)(2)(C)(i)$ and inserting
25	"section 36", and

1	(C) by striking "section $25A(g)(2)$ " in
2	clause (iii) of subsection (d)(4)(B) and inserting
3	"section 36(g)(2)".
4	(10) Subsection (e) of section 6050S of such
5	Code is amended by striking "section 25A" and in-
6	serting "section 36".
7	(11) Subparagraph (J) of section 6213(g)(2) of
8	such Code is amended by striking "section
9	25A(g)(1)" and inserting "section $36(g)(1)$ ".
10	(12) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title
11	31, United States Code, is amended by inserting be-
12	fore the period "or from section 36 of such Code".
13	(13) The table of sections for subpart C of part
14	IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Rev-
15	enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking the item
16	relating to section 36 and inserting the following:
	"Sec. 36. Hope and Lifetime Learning credits. "Sec. 37. Overpayments of tax.".
17	(14) The table of sections for subpart A of such
18	part IV is amended by striking the item relating to
19	section 25A.
20	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
21	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
22	December 31, 2004.

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