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# H. R. 6402

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish grants to increase student attendance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SESTAK, Mrs. LOWEY, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Increasing Student  
5 Achievement through School Attendance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO INCREASE STUDENT ATTENDANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part A of title IV  
8 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20

1 U.S.C. 7131 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
2 the following:

3 **“SEC. 4131. GRANTS TO INCREASE STUDENT ATTENDANCE.**

4       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
5 propriations, the Secretary shall award grants from funds  
6 made available to carry out this section to eligible entities  
7 for the purpose increasing student attendance at school  
8 by developing innovative policies, programs, and practices  
9 to prevent, provide alternatives to, and resolve truancy,  
10 suspension, expulsion among students.

11       “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—For purposes of this sec-  
12 tion, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

13               “(1) a local educational agency;

14               “(2) a State educational agency; or

15               “(3) an Indian tribe.

16       “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds received under this sec-  
17 tion may be used—

18               “(1) to foster collaboration between school sys-  
19 tems, law enforcement, courts, juvenile justice, child  
20 welfare, community-based organizations, including  
21 faith-based organizations, and social service systems  
22 for the purpose of this section;

23               “(2) to train school system personnel in positive  
24 behavioral interventions and supports and graduated  
25 discipline policies and practices;

1           “(3) to support innovative policies, programs  
2           and practices determined by the Secretary to be ef-  
3           fective at increasing student attendance at school,  
4           such as dedicated attendance workers, home visita-  
5           tion, truancy courts, youth courts, and mediation;  
6           and

7           “(4) to provide opportunities for student sup-  
8           port services personnel to staff in-school suspension  
9           and expulsion programs.

10          “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
11          are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
12          \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013.”.

13          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4003(2) of  
14          such Act (20 U.S.C. 7103) is amended by inserting “(ex-  
15          cluding section 4131)” before the period at the end.

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