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# S. 2194

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a partnership between the Department of Education and the National Park Service to provide educational opportunities for students and teachers, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18, 2007

Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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. NATIONAL PARK RANGER SCHOOL PARTNER-**  
4 **SHIP PROGRAM.**

5 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part D of title V of the Ele-  
7 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 7241 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
2 end the following:

3 **“Subpart 22—National Park Ranger School**

4 **Partnerships**

5 **“SEC. 5621. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation  
7 with the Director of the National Park Service, may award  
8 grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational agen-  
9 cies to enable the local educational agencies to carry out  
10 the authorized activities described in subsection (c).

11 “(b) REQUIRED PARTNERSHIP.—A local educational  
12 agency that receives a grant under this subpart shall carry  
13 out the activities described in subsection (c) through a  
14 partnership that includes the National Park Service and  
15 may include a not-for-profit partner of the National Park  
16 Service.

17 “(c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—A local educational  
18 agency shall use funds provided under this subpart to  
19 carry out, through the partnership, both of the following  
20 activities:

21 “(1) Providing, for students in kindergarten  
22 through grade 12, educational programs (including  
23 programs under which instruction is provided by Na-  
24 tional Park Service Rangers) that emphasize science,

1 the environment, natural resources, mathematics,  
2 history, and civics.

3 “(2) Providing, for educators of students in  
4 kindergarten through grade 12, professional develop-  
5 ment opportunities (such as summer institutes) that  
6 emphasize science, the environment, natural re-  
7 sources, mathematics, history, and civics.

8 “(d) DURATION AND AMOUNTS.—Each grant under  
9 this subpart shall be for a period of 3 years, for an aggre-  
10 gate amount of not more than \$25,000.

11 “(e) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
12 under this subpart, a local educational agency shall—

13 “(1)(A) be adjacent to a facility of the National  
14 Park Service;

15 “(B) be close to a Research and Learning Cen-  
16 ter of the National Park Service;

17 “(C) have a partnership with or be capable of  
18 partnering with a unit of the National Park System;  
19 or

20 “(D) have, or agree to develop, a technology-  
21 based distance learning link to the National Park  
22 Service;

23 “(2) be identified for improvement under sub-  
24 section (c) of section 1116; and

25 “(3) be a high need local educational agency.

1       “(f) CRITERIA.—Grants under this subpart shall be  
2 awarded on a competitive basis using criteria established  
3 by the Secretary, in collaboration with the Director of the  
4 National Park Service.

5       “(g) REPORTS BY GRANTEES.—Upon completing the  
6 grant period for a grant under this section, the local edu-  
7 cational agency receiving the grant shall submit to the  
8 Secretary a report that identifies—

9           “(1) the number of students participating in  
10 the activities described in subsection (c)(1) that were  
11 carried out under the grant;

12           “(2) the achievement attained by those students  
13 in mathematics, science, and any other academic  
14 areas relevant to the activities carried out under the  
15 grant, as measured against benchmarks established  
16 by the Secretary, in coordination with the National  
17 Park Service;

18           “(3) the number of educators participating in  
19 the activities described in subsection (c)(2) that were  
20 carried out under the grant; and

21           “(4) the professional development received by  
22 those educators in mathematics, science, civics, and  
23 any other academic areas relevant to the activities  
24 carried out under the grant.

1       “(h) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—Not later than 3  
 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-  
 3 retary, in coordination with the Director of the National  
 4 Park Service, shall submit a report to Congress on the  
 5 implementation of this subpart. The report shall include  
 6 recommendations on whether and to what extent the pro-  
 7 gram should be continued or expanded.”.

8           (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
 9 Section 5401 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 7241) is  
 10 amended—

11           (A) by striking “There are” and inserting  
 12 the following:

13       “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are”; and

14           (B) by adding at the end the following:

15       “(b) NATIONAL PARK RANGER SCHOOL PARTNER-  
 16 SHIPS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry  
 17 out subpart 22, such sums as may be necessary for fiscal  
 18 year 2008 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

19           (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
 20 tents in section 2 of that Act (20 U.S.C. 6301 note)  
 21 is amended by adding after the items relating to  
 22 subpart 21 of part D of title V the following:

“SUBPART 22—NATIONAL PARK RANGER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

“Sec. 5621. Program authorized.”.

23       (b) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ELIGIBILITY FOR CER-  
 24 TAIN PROGRAMS.—

1           (1) MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNER-  
2 SHIPS.—Section 2201(b)(1)(B) of the Elementary  
3 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
4 6661(b)(1)(B)) is amended—

5           (A) by redesignating clauses (iii) and (iv)  
6 as (iv) and (v), respectively; and

7           (B) by adding after clause (ii) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9                   “(iii) the National Park Service;”.

10          (2) TEACHING OF TRADITIONAL AMERICAN HIS-  
11 TORY.—Section 2351(b) of that Act (20 U.S.C.  
12 6721(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing:

14                   “(4) An educational service agency.

15                   “(5) A Federal agency that serves as an edu-  
16 cational service provider.”.

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