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H. R. 3714

To provide for grants from the Secretary of Education to State and local educational agencies for EnergySmart schools and Energy Star programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2011

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. POLIS, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “School Building En-
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 The Secretary of Education may provide grants—

8 (1) to State educational agencies and local edu-
9 cational agencies for providing intensive technical as-

1 sistance for, and assisting the implementation of, the
2 EnergySmart Schools Program of the Department
3 of Energy and the Energy Star for K–12 School
4 Districts program of the Environmental Protection
5 Agency;

6 (2) to local educational agencies that become
7 partners through the Energy Star for K–12 School
8 Districts program of the Environmental Protection
9 Agency; and

10 (3) to State educational agencies for use in the
11 development of State-level school energy efficiency
12 quality plans, in partnership with the Secretary of
13 Energy, including—

14 (A) standards for school building design,
15 construction, and renovation; and

16 (B) proposals for the systematic improve-
17 ment (including benchmarks and timelines) of
18 environmental conditions in and around schools
19 throughout the State, including—

20 (i) environmentally preferable pur-
21 chasing of products for instruction and
22 maintenance;

23 (ii) increasing the use of alternative
24 energy fuels in school buses;

1 (iii) maximization of transportation
2 choices for students, staff, and other mem-
3 bers of the community; and

4 (iv) individual prescriptive efficiency
5 improvements such as lighting improve-
6 ments, roofing, high efficiency HVAC sys-
7 tems, and mechanical and envelope insula-
8 tion.

9 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL SHARE.**

10 The Federal share of the cost of a project or activity
11 carried out using funds from a grant under this Act shall
12 not exceed 90 percent.

13 **SEC. 4. GRANT PRIORITY.**

14 In providing grants under section 2(1), the Secretary
15 of Education shall give priority to projects to provide as-
16 sistance to State educational agencies and local edu-
17 cational agencies that have a demonstrated need for en-
18 ergy efficiency improvement.

19 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

20 For purposes of this Act, the terms “State edu-
21 cational agency” and “local educational agency” have the
22 meanings given those terms in section 9101 of the Ele-
23 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
24 7801).

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3 retary of Education to carry out this Act such sums as
4 may be necessary for the period encompassing fiscal years
5 2013 through 2017.

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