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H. R. 5357

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize an interstate teaching application program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. HANNA) 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 “Interstate Teaching
5 Mobility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR INTERSTATE TEACHING APPLICA-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education
4 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 **“PART E—INTERSTATE TEACHING APPLICATIONS**
7 **“SEC. 2501. PROGRAM FOR INTERSTATE TEACHING APPLI-**
8 **CATIONS.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in consulta-
10 tion with an eligible entity, may establish and carry out
11 a program to allow States to voluntarily participate in an
12 interstate teaching application process that allows teach-
13 ers who are licensed or certified in any participating
14 State—

15 “(1) to be eligible for licensure or certification
16 in other participating States without subsequently
17 completing additional licensure or certification re-
18 quirements; and

19 “(2) to be able to apply for open teaching posi-
20 tions in schools that receive funds under part A of
21 title I in other participating States, unless the open
22 position falls outside the applicant’s content area or
23 grade level for which the applicant is already li-
24 censed or certified.

1 “(b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out a
2 program established under subsection (a), the Secretary,
3 in consultation with an eligible entity, shall—

4 “(1) create an application for eligible teachers
5 licensed or certified in a State participating in the
6 program who wish to teach in other States partici-
7 pating in the program;

8 “(2) require each participating State to recog-
9 nize a teaching licensure or certification of each such
10 teacher who meets the application requirements
11 under subsection (c)(1), and allow such teacher to
12 teach in an open teaching position described in sub-
13 section (a)(2), without requiring such teacher to
14 complete additional requirements for licensure or
15 certification;

16 “(3) ensure that participating States maintain
17 the eligibility requirements described in subsection
18 (d);

19 “(4) provide technical assistance to partici-
20 pating States; and

21 “(5) provide an electronic application process
22 for teachers to apply for the program.

23 “(c) PARTICIPATING TEACHERS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each teacher seeking to
2 participate in a program established under sub-
3 section (a) shall submit an application containing—

4 “(A) proof of an active teaching license or
5 certification in a participating State;

6 “(B) the teacher’s results on each of the
7 assessments described in subparagraphs (A)
8 through (C) of subsection (d)(1) that are re-
9 quired by the initial licensing or certifying par-
10 ticipating State; and

11 “(C) such other information as the Sec-
12 retary considers appropriate.

13 “(2) CONTRACT.—The eligible entity referred to
14 in subsections (a) and (b) shall collect and assist the
15 Secretary in reviewing the teacher applications sub-
16 mitted under paragraph (1).

17 “(d) PARTICIPATING STATES.—A State shall be eligi-
18 ble to participate in a program established under sub-
19 section (a) if—

20 “(1) such State, in awarding a teaching license
21 or certification to an individual, requires—

22 “(A) an assessment of the content knowl-
23 edge necessary for postsecondary education and
24 a career before a teacher begins teaching in a
25 classroom;

1 “(B) an assessment of pedagogical skills
2 not later than 1 year after the date on which
3 a teacher first begins teaching in a classroom;
4 and

5 “(C) a performance assessment not later
6 than one year after the date on which a teacher
7 first begins teaching, which may include a per-
8 formance assessment completed as part of a
9 teacher preparation program; and

10 “(2) the assessments described in paragraph
11 (1) and required by such State are identified as suf-
12 ficiently rigorous by an organization such as the
13 Council of Chief State School Officers.

14 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may issue such
15 regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry
16 out this section.

17 “(f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘eligible
18 entity’ means an organization or other entity that provides
19 support to States and teachers in teacher certification and
20 licensure, approved by the Secretary.”.

21 **SEC. 3. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

22 The table of contents for the Elementary and Sec-
23 ondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by inserting
24 after the item relating to section 2441 the following:

“PART E—INTERSTATE TEACHING APPLICATIONS

“Sec. 2501. Program for interstate teaching applications.”.

