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# H. R. 786

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2019

Mr. TIPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Education and Energy  
3 Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE OF REVENUES FROM NEW FEDERAL MINERAL**  
5 **AND GEOTHERMAL LEASES FOR PAYMENTS**  
6 **TO STATE FOR EDUCATION.**

7 Section 35(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
8 191) is amended by inserting “(1)” before the first sen-  
9 tence, and by adding at the end the following new para-  
10 graph:

11 “(2)(A) Of amounts otherwise required under  
12 paragraph (1) to be deposited into the general fund  
13 of the Treasury each fiscal year that are derived  
14 from leases for tracts located in a State, the Sec-  
15 retary shall pay to the county from which the min-  
16 eral or geothermal royalties were generated 33 per-  
17 cent for use to supplement the education of students  
18 in kindergarten through grade 12 and to supplement  
19 public support of institutions of higher education.

20 “(B) Of the amounts otherwise required under  
21 paragraph (1) to be deposited into the general fund  
22 of the Treasury each fiscal year that are not re-  
23 quired to be used for payments under subparagraph  
24 (A) of this paragraph, the Secretary shall pay to  
25 States, in equal amounts, 17 percent for use to sup-  
26 plement the education of students in kindergarten

1 through grade 12 and to supplement public support  
2 of institutions of higher education.

3 “(C) Subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall apply  
4 only with respect to amounts that—

5 “(i) are received by the United States  
6 under leases entered into under this Act or the  
7 Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 after the date  
8 of enactment of the Education and Energy Act  
9 of 2019; and

10 “(ii) exceed the amount of revenues that  
11 the Congressional Budget Office previously esti-  
12 mated would be received under such leases in  
13 the fiscal year.

14 “(D) Subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall not  
15 apply with respect to amounts required by para-  
16 graph (1) to be paid into, reserved, or appropriated  
17 as part of the reclamation fund.

18 “(E) Any amounts received by a county under  
19 subparagraph (A) shall not be considered when cal-  
20 culating payments to that county under the Secure  
21 Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination  
22 Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) or chapter 69  
23 of title 31, United States Code.”.

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