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# S. 625

To direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## A BILL

To direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade.

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 “Students Voicing Opin-  
5 ions in Today’s Elections Act” or the “Students VOTE  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING VOTER REG-**  
2 **ISTRATION INFORMATION TO SECONDARY**  
3 **SCHOOL STUDENTS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Election Assistance Com-  
5 mission (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Commis-  
6 sion”) shall carry out a pilot program under which the  
7 Commission shall provide funds during fiscal year 2019  
8 to eligible local educational agencies for initiatives to pro-  
9 vide information on registering to vote in elections for pub-  
10 lic office to secondary school students in the 12th grade.

11 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—A local educational agency is eligi-  
12 ble to receive funds under the pilot program under this  
13 Act if the agency submits to the Commission, at such time  
14 and in such form as the Commission may require, an ap-  
15 plication containing—

16 (1) a description of the initiatives the agency  
17 intends to carry out with the funds;

18 (2) an estimate of the costs associated with  
19 such initiatives; and

20 (3) such other information and assurances as  
21 the Commission may require.

22 (c) CONSULTATION WITH ELECTION OFFICIALS.—A  
23 local educational agency receiving funds under the pilot  
24 program shall consult with the State and local election of-  
25 ficials who are responsible for administering elections for

1 public office in the area served by the agency in developing  
2 the initiatives the agency will carry out with the funds.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the terms “local edu-  
4 cational agency” and “secondary school” have the mean-  
5 ings given such terms in section 8101 of the Elementary  
6 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

7 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

8 (a) REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS.—Not later  
9 than the expiration of the 90-day period which begins on  
10 the date of the receipt of the funds, each local educational  
11 agency receiving funds under the pilot program under this  
12 Act shall submit a report to the Commission describing  
13 the initiatives carried out with the funds and analyzing  
14 their effectiveness.

15 (b) REPORT BY COMMISSION.—Not later than the ex-  
16 piration of the 60-day period which begins on the date  
17 the Commission receives the final report submitted by a  
18 local educational agency under subsection (a), the Com-  
19 mission shall submit a report to Congress on the pilot pro-  
20 gram under this Act.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
23 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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