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H. R. 5990

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to recognize high schools and local educational agencies for expanding high-quality dual credit programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Dual Credit Innovation
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS DUAL CREDIT**
7 **INNOVATION AWARD.**

8 (a) DUAL CREDIT PRIORITY.—Not later than 1 year
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually

1 thereafter, the Secretary shall, on a competitive basis, rec-
2 ognize eligible partnerships with high-quality dual credit
3 programs with a “Dual Credit Innovation Award” which
4 shall be an award under the National Blue Ribbon Schools
5 program of the Department of Education.

6 (b) APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS.—To be
7 eligible to be recognized under subsection (a), an eligible
8 partnership shall submit an application under the Na-
9 tional Blue Ribbon Schools program of the Department
10 of Education.

11 (c) NON-MONETARY VALUE.—The award and rec-
12 ognition established under this Act may not have mone-
13 tary value.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM.—The term “dual
16 credit program” means a program offered by an eli-
17 gible partnership through which a secondary school
18 student who has not graduated from high school
19 with a regular high school diploma is able to enroll
20 in one or more postsecondary courses and earn post-
21 secondary credit that—

22 (A) is transferable to the institutions of
23 higher education in the partnership; and

24 (B) applies toward completion of a degree
25 or recognized educational credential as de-

1 scribed in the Higher Education Act of 1965
2 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

3 (2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—The term “eligi-
4 ble partnership” means a partnership between—

5 (A) at least one institution of higher edu-
6 cation (as defined in section 101 of the Higher
7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that
8 provides a dual credit program; and

9 (B) at least one—

10 (i) local educational agency (as de-
11 fined in section 8101 of the Elementary
12 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 7801)); or

14 (ii) high school.

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Education.

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