

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2836

To prohibit States from utilizing a funding formula for public schools that is based on calculating the average daily attendance of students over a State-determined period of time.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California 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 “Cash to Classrooms
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Only 7 State governments use a funding
2 formula for public schools reliant on calculating the
3 average number of students in seats in district
4 schools calculated over a State-determined period of
5 time.

6 (2) Multiple studies show that average daily at-
7 tendance formulas are more susceptible to absentee-
8 ism issues and can result in significantly decreased
9 funding for certain schools.

10 (3) Many schools who suffer from chronic ab-
11 senteeism serve socioeconomically disadvantaged
12 groups, such as low income and minority students.

13 (4) Under average daily attendance formulas,
14 schools who serve disadvantaged groups who are
15 more likely to suffer higher rates of absenteeism lose
16 more funding than other schools, which creates a
17 lack of resources to address absenteeism.

18 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING THE USE OF AVERAGE DAILY AT-**
19 **TENDANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**
20 **FORMULAS.**

21 No State shall utilize a funding formula for public
22 schools that is based on calculating the average daily at-
23 tendance of students over a State-determined period of
24 time.

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