

“(b) GAO STUDY.—Not later than September 30, 2004, the Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a study setting forth information regarding the progress of States’ compliance in increasing the percentage of fully qualified teachers, as defined in section 2002(1), for fiscal years 2000 through 2003.

**“SEC. 2014. EDUCATOR PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.**

**“(a) SUBGRANTS.—**

**“(1) IN GENERAL.—**A State receiving a grant under section 2003(a) shall award subgrants, on a competitive basis, from amounts made available under section 2004(a)(1), to local educational agencies, elementary schools, or secondary schools that have formed educator partnerships, for the design and implementation of programs that will enhance professional development opportunities for teachers, principals, and administrators, and will increase the number of fully qualified teachers.

**“(2) ALLOCATIONS.—**A State awarding subgrants under this subsection shall allocate the subgrant funds on a competitive basis and in a manner that results in an equitable distribution of the subgrant funds by geographic areas within the State.

**“(3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—**Each educator partnership receiving a subgrant under this subsection may use not more than 5 percent of the subgrant funds for any fiscal year for the cost of planning and administering programs under this section.

**“(b) EDUCATOR PARTNERSHIPS.—**An educator partnership described in subsection (a) includes a cooperative arrangement between—

**“(1) a public elementary school or secondary school (including a charter school), or a local educational agency; and**

**“(2) 1 or more of the following:**

**“(A) An institution of higher education.**

**“(B) An educational service agency.**

**“(C) A public or private not-for-profit education organization.**

**“(D) A for-profit education organization.**

**“(E) An entity from outside the traditional education arena, including a corporation or consulting firm.**

**“(c) USE OF FUNDS.—**An educator partnership receiving a subgrant under this section shall use the subgrant funds for—

**“(1) developing and enhancing of professional development activities for teachers in core academic subjects to ensure that the teachers have content knowledge in the academic subjects in which the teachers provide instruction;**

**“(2) developing and providing assistance to local educational agencies and elementary schools and secondary schools for sustained, high-quality professional development activities for teachers, principals, and administrators, that—**

**“(A) ensure that teachers, principals, and administrators are able to use State content standards, performance standards, and assessments to improve instructional practices and student achievement; and**

**“(B) may include intensive programs designed to prepare a teacher who participates in such a program to provide professional development instruction to other teachers within the participating teacher’s school;**

**“(3) increasing the number of fully qualified teachers available to provide high-quality education to limited English proficient students by—**

**“(A) working with institutions of higher education that offer degree programs, to attract more people into such programs, and to prepare better new, English language teach-**

**ers to provide effective language instruction to limited English proficient students; and**

**“(B) supporting development and implementation of professional development programs for language instruction teachers to improve the language proficiency of limited English proficient students;**

**“(4) developing and implementing professional development activities for principals and administrators to enable the principals and administrators to be effective school leaders and to improve student achievement on challenging State content and student performance standards, including professional development relating to—**

**“(A) leadership skills;**

**“(B) recruitment, assignment, retention, and evaluation of teachers and other staff;**

**“(C) effective instructional practices, including the use of technology; and**

**“(D) parental and community involvement; and**

**“(5) providing activities that enhance professional development opportunities for teachers, principals, and administrators or will increase the number of fully qualified teachers.**

**“(d) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—**Each educator partnership desiring a subgrant under this section shall submit an application to the appropriate State educational agency at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the State educational agency may reasonably require.

**“(e) COORDINATION.—**Each educator partnership that receives a subgrant under this section and a grant under section 203 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 shall coordinate the activities carried out under such section 203 with any related activities carried out under this section.

**“SEC. 2015. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$1,600,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.”.

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS**

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will conduct an oversight hearing on Wednesday, March 1, 2000 on the Report prepared by the National Academy of Public Administration entitled “A Study of Management and Administration: The Bureau of Indian Affairs.” The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on draft legislation to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976. The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2000, in Room SR-301 Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing, followed by an executive session, on the nominations of:

Danny Lee McDonald, of Oklahoma, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2005 (reappointment); and

Bradley A. Smith, of Ohio, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2005, vice Lee Ann Elliott, resigned.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact Hunter Bates at the Rules Committee on 4-6352.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that a full committee hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine energy supply and demand issues relating to crude oil, heating oil, and transportation fuels in light of the rise in price of these fuels.

Those who wish to submit written testimony should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. For further information, please contact Jo Meuse or Brian Malnak at (202) 224-6730.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION**

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that H.R. 1615, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment, has been added to the list of bills scheduled for a hearing by the Subcommittee on March 8, 2000 at 2:30 p.m.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please contact Jim O’Toole or Kevin Clark of the Committee staff at (202) 224-6969.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY**

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 1, 2000. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the Agriculture Trade Agreement with China.

The PRESIDENT OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the