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To provide for grants from the Secretary of Energy to State and local educational agencies for EnergySmart schools and Energy Star programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Mr. HOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

- To provide for grants from the Secretary of Energy to State and local educational agencies for EnergySmart schools and Energy Star programs.
 - 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 "School Building En-

5 hancement Act".

6 SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.

7 The Secretary of Energy may provide grants—

8 (1) to State educational agencies and local edu-9 cational agencies for providing intensive technical as-

10 sistance for, and assisting the implementation of, the

1	EnergySmart Schools Program of the Department
2	of Energy and the Energy Star for K–12 School
3	Districts program of the Environmental Protection
4	Agency; and
5	(2) to State educational agencies for use in the
6	development of State-level school energy efficiency
7	quality plans, in partnership with the Department of
8	Energy, including—
9	(A) standards for school building design,
10	construction, and renovation; and
11	(B) proposals for the systematic improve-
12	ment (including benchmarks and timelines) of
13	environmental conditions in and around schools
14	throughout the State, including—
15	(i) environmentally preferable pur-
16	chasing of products for instruction and
17	maintenance;
18	(ii) increasing the use of alternative
19	energy fuels in school buses; and
20	(iii) maximization of transportation
21	choices for students, staff, and other mem-
22	bers of the community.

1 SEC. 3. FEDERAL SHARE.

2 The Federal share of the cost of a project or activity
3 carried out using funds from a grant under this Act shall
4 not exceed 90 percent.

5 SEC. 4. GRANT PRIORITY.

In providing grants under section 2(1), the Secretary
of Energy shall give priority to projects to provide assistance to school districts that have a demonstrated need for
energy efficiency improvement.

10 SEC. 5. DEFINITION.

For purposes of this Act, the terms "State educational agency" and "local educational agency" have the meanings given those terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 5 7801).

16 SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for
the period encompassing fiscal years 2006 through 2011.

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