

H.R. 5313
Section-by-Section

Sec. 1. Short Title.

Sec. 2. Additional Title-Holding Option Under Farmland Protection Program.

Subsection (a) amends the Farmland Protection Program by adding a new subsection (d). The new subsection directs the Secretary to reserve not less than 15 % of the funds available to the Farmland Protection Program to fund cooperative efforts that involve a State agency, a county, and a one or more other eligible entities for the purchase conservation easements. Provides that an eligible entity will hold title to the easement, not the United States.

The new subsection (d) further provides that the cost share for the easement purchase shall not exceed 25 % for the U.S., and shall be 25 % each for both the State and county. The other eligible entities involved shall contribute the remaining 25 %.

It is further provided that no federal funds under new subsection (d) shall be used for administrative purposes.