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To authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to local educational agencies to carry out teacher exchanges.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PIERLUISI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Teacher Exchange Act of 2010”.

6 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Education
7 may make grants to local educational agencies to carry
8 out teacher exchanges in which one local educational agen-

1 cy sends teachers to another local educational agency lo-
2 cated in a different geographic region for a school year.

3 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
4 under this section, a local educational agency shall submit
5 an application to the Secretary certifying that such agen-
6 cy—

7 (1) has entered into a partnership with a receiv-
8 ing local educational agency that is located in a dif-
9 ferent geographic region, as determined by the Sec-
10 retary, or has actively sought such a partnership;
11 and

12 (2)(A) is a high-need local educational agency;
13 or

14 (B) has entered into a partnership described in
15 paragraph (1) with a high-need local educational
16 agency, or has actively sought such a partnership.

17 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under
18 this section shall use the grant for each of the following
19 purposes:

20 (1) Carrying out a teacher exchange under
21 which the recipient sends teachers employed by the
22 recipient to a receiving local educational agency to
23 teach or perform a similar function at such agency
24 as such teachers had previously performed.

1 (2) Developing and implementing a plan,
2 through the partnership described in subsection (b),
3 to provide participating teachers with activities de-
4 signed to promote professional development, includ-
5 ing—

6 (A) an orientation session or courses to
7 prepare such teachers for—

8 (i) the exchange experience;

9 (ii) the community in which the re-
10 ceiving local educational agency is located
11 and the schools in such agency; and

12 (iii) the particular grade level and
13 curriculum assigned to the participating
14 teacher by the receiving local educational
15 agency;

16 (B) a mentoring program through which a
17 participating teacher is paired with a mentor
18 (who is not also a participating teacher) em-
19 ployed by the receiving local educational agency
20 who teaches in the same grade level or subject
21 area that the participating teacher has been as-
22 signed to teach under the exchange;

23 (C) a forum for participating teachers, led
24 by an administrator or teacher at the receiving
25 local educational agency, to engage in ongoing

1 professional development focused on improving
2 classroom instruction to result in improved stu-
3 dent outcomes, including reading educational
4 research, reviewing student work, creating and
5 reviewing formative and summative assess-
6 ments, analyzing data from student assess-
7 ments, and tracking student progress; and

8 (D) content-specific programs designed to
9 support participating teachers in teaching the
10 specific curriculum in place at the receiving
11 local education agency and at the grade level to
12 which the participating teacher is assigned.

13 (3) Reimbursing each participating teacher for
14 travel expenses incurred by the participating teacher
15 while traveling to and from the receiving local edu-
16 cational agency, not more than twice per calendar
17 year, for the purpose of participating in a teacher
18 exchange funded by a grant under this section.

19 (4) Providing housing for participating teachers
20 while participating in such an exchange, including
21 cost of living increases as necessary to provide such
22 housing.

23 (5) Providing a living stipend to participating
24 teachers that—

1 (A) is added to the regular salary of such
2 teachers each pay period, for the duration of
3 the exchange; and

4 (B) includes an annual cost-of-living ad-
5 justment.

6 (6) Reimbursing the receiving local educational
7 agency for supplies or other incidental items pur-
8 chased for use by participating teachers during such
9 an exchange.

10 (e) RESTRICTION.—The recipient of a grant under
11 this section may not use the grant to pay the regular sal-
12 ary of participating teachers during the period of an ex-
13 change funded by a grant under this section.

14 (f) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving a grant
15 under this section, a grant recipient shall—

16 (1) ensure that each participating teacher in an
17 exchange funded under this section has at least
18 three years of teaching experience prior to partici-
19 pating in such exchange;

20 (2) certify that such participation shall not
21 serve as grounds for the grant recipient terminating
22 the employment of a participating teacher;

23 (3) ensure by contract or agreement with each
24 participating teacher that each teacher agrees to
25 serve—

1 (A) in the receiving local educational agen-
2 cy for a school year; and

3 (B) in the local educational agency that se-
4 lected such teacher for participation in the ex-
5 change for the duration of the two-year period
6 following such participation unless the Sec-
7 retary, after determining that the performance
8 of such service poses a significant hardship to
9 the teacher, waives such condition;

10 (4) certify that upon the failure of a partici-
11 pating teacher to satisfy a condition specified in
12 paragraph (3), the grant recipient shall—

13 (A) recover from such teacher the amount
14 of the grant funds that have been remitted to
15 or on behalf of such teacher on a pro-rata basis
16 (as determined by the Secretary); and

17 (B) return the funds recovered under sub-
18 paragraph (A) to the Secretary not later than
19 60 days after the recovery of such funds; and

20 (5) if the recipient has not entered into an
21 agreement with a receiving local educational agency
22 by the date that is 6 months after the date of the
23 the receipt of the grant, return the grant to the Sec-
24 retary.

1 (g) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In awarding grants
2 under this section, the Secretary of Education shall give
3 priority to local educational agencies that—

4 (1) have entered into partnerships with receiv-
5 ing local educational agencies before applying for a
6 grant under this section;

7 (2) the Secretary determines would be able to
8 provide participating teachers with training or expe-
9 rience such teachers would not receive from teaching
10 in the local educational agency where such teachers
11 are employed, including immersion in a linguistically
12 different culture; and

13 (3) focus on instruction in science, math,
14 English as a second language, special education, or
15 other subject areas that have a high need for quali-
16 fied teachers, as determined by the Secretary.

17 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “local educational agency” has
19 the meaning given such term in section 9101(26) of
20 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
21 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(26)).

22 (2) The term “high-need local educational agen-
23 cy” means an agency as defined in section 2102(2)
24 of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (20
25 U.S.C. 6602(3)).

1 (3) The term “receiving local educational agen-
2 cy” means a local educational agency to which a
3 participating teacher will be sent for the duration of
4 the exchange funded by a grant under this section.

5 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000
7 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2016 to carry out
8 this Act.