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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To establish a grant program in the Department of Education to promote the involvement of female students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RIGELL 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Girls in
5 STEM Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) According to a September 2013 report by
2 the United States Census Bureau, only 26 percent
3 of employees in STEM fields were women, while 74
4 percent were men.

5 (2) A Department of Commerce report states
6 that employees in STEM fields earn 26 percent
7 more than their non-STEM counterparts.

8 (3) Women in STEM jobs earn 33 percent
9 more than comparable women in non-STEM jobs.

10 (4) The United States ranks 25th in mathe-
11 matics and 17th in science among industrialized na-
12 tions.

13 (5) According to the Department of Labor, only
14 15 percent of the world's scientists reside in the
15 United States and only 5 percent of United States
16 workers are employed in fields related to science and
17 engineering.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
20 shall apply:

21 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each
22 State of the United States and the District of Co-
23 lumbia.

24 (2) STEM.—The term “STEM” means science,
25 technology, engineering, and mathematics.

1 (3) **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**—The term “elemen-
2 tary school” has the meaning given such term by
3 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

5 (4) **SECONDARY SCHOOL.**—The term “sec-
6 ondary school” has the meaning given such term by
7 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

9 (5) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of the United States Department of
11 Education.

12 **SEC. 4. GRANT PROGRAM.**

13 (a) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary shall
14 award grants to States to carry out the programs de-
15 scribed in subsection (b).

16 (b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—A State that receives a grant
17 under this section shall use the grant to carry out pro-
18 grams that promote the involvement of female students
19 at the elementary school and secondary school levels in
20 STEM fields.

21 (c) **AWARD ALLOCATION AND AMOUNT.**—The Sec-
22 retary shall award grants to States, on a competitive basis,
23 in accordance with the following criteria:

1 (1) GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION.—The Secretary
2 shall award 1 grant to each of 2 States in each of
3 the following geographic regions:

4 (A) SOUTH.—Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
5 Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Caro-
6 lina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and
7 Virginia.

8 (B) MIDWEST.—Arkansas, Illinois, Indi-
9 ana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mis-
10 souri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Da-
11 kota, and Wisconsin.

12 (C) NORTHEAST.—Connecticut, Delaware,
13 District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massa-
14 chusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New
15 York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont,
16 and West Virginia.

17 (D) WEST.—Alaska, Arizona, California,
18 Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada,
19 New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah,
20 Washington, and Wyoming.

21 (2) AMOUNT.—The amount of each grant shall
22 be \$2,500,000.

23 (3) DEADLINE FOR DISTRIBUTION.—The Sec-
24 retary shall distribute grant funds in accordance

1 with this section not later than the date that is 1
2 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under
4 this Act, a State shall submit an application to the Sec-
5 retary at such time, in such manner, and containing such
6 information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

7 (e) REPORTS.—

8 (1) STATES.—As a condition of receiving a
9 grant under this Act, a State shall agree to submit
10 a report to the Secretary, on an annual basis, identi-
11 fying how the grant funds were used and the num-
12 ber of students who participated in the programs
13 carried out with the grant funds.

14 (2) SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall, on an
15 annual basis, and using the reports received under
16 paragraph (1), report to Congress on the overall im-
17 pact and effectiveness of the grant program under
18 this Act.

19 **SEC. 5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR GRANT PROGRAM.**

20 Of amounts made available to the Office of Nuclear
21 Warhead Protection in the National Nuclear Security Ad-
22 ministration not obligated as of the date of enactment of
23 this Act, there is transferred \$20,000,000 to the Depart-
24 ment of Education to carry out this Act.