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To amend the Adult Education Act to allow for the education of eligible adults.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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. EDUCATION FOR ELIGIBLE ADULTS.**

4 The Adult Education Act is amended by adding at
5 the end the following:

6 **“PART E—EDUCATION FOR ELIGIBLE ADULTS**

7 **“SEC. 391. SHORT TITLE.**

8 “This part may be cited as the ‘American Citizenship
9 and Comprehensive Educational Support Services Act of
10 1994’.

1 **“SEC. 392. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 “(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

3 “(1) there has been and will continue to be im-
4 migration into the United States;

5 “(2) there is an increasing fiscal burden on
6 States and localities to implement Federal immigra-
7 tion policies that provide for education and natu-
8 ralization classes for eligible adults;

9 “(3) previously there was a Federal funding
10 commitment to educate and naturalize eligible adults
11 under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of
12 1986 through the State Legalization Impact Assist-
13 ance Grant program;

14 “(4) the State Legalization Impact Assistance
15 Grant program has demonstrated that there is a
16 keen interest on the part of eligible adults in obtain-
17 ing additional basic and vocational education, as well
18 as language and civics instruction to qualify for nat-
19 uralization; and

20 “(5) it is in the best interest of the United
21 States to have an educated population who can con-
22 tribute to the work force.

23 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this part is to pro-
24 vide financial assistance to States and localities to aid in
25 the educational and naturalization transition of eligible
26 adults to the United States.

1 **“SEC. 393. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

2 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary is authorized, in ac-
3 cordance with this part, to make grants to or enter into
4 contracts with eligible service providers for the establish-
5 ment, operation, and improvement of programs that pro-
6 vide eligible services for eligible adults.

7 “(b) USES OF FUNDS.—(1) Activities assisted under
8 this part shall include—

9 “(A) public education;

10 “(B) public outreach;

11 “(C) assistance with initiating or completing
12 naturalization procedures;

13 “(D) educational, instructional, or testing serv-
14 ices to eligible adults to assist such adults in obtain-
15 ing citizenship; and

16 “(E) an annual evaluation component to assess
17 program quality and effectiveness.

18 “(2) Of the funds allocated under this part for a fis-
19 cal year, not less than 15 percent shall be used to train
20 personnel engaged or preparing to engage in providing di-
21 rect services to eligible adults under this part.

22 “(3) Of the funds allocated under this part for a fis-
23 cal year, not more than 5 percent shall be used for admin-
24 istrative costs.

25 “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants or making con-
26 tracts under this part, the Secretary shall—

1 “(1) give first preference to eligible service pro-
2 viders in States with not less than 100,000 eligible
3 adults; and

4 “(2) give further preference to eligible service
5 providers that demonstrate the following:

6 “(A) A commitment to locate and operate
7 programs in localities with high concentrations
8 of eligible adults.

9 “(B) Experience serving eligible adults
10 under section 204 of the Immigration Reform
11 and Control Act of 1986 and limited English
12 proficient adults under section 372 of this Act.

13 “(C) A plan to locate and operate pro-
14 grams in neighborhoods where there is a high
15 incidence of poverty.

16 **“SEC. 394. APPLICATIONS.**

17 “(a) SUBMISSION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
18 or contract under this part, an eligible service provider
19 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time
20 and in such manner as the Secretary may reasonably re-
21 quire.

22 “(b) CONTENT OF APPLICATION.—Applications for
23 grants or contracts under this part shall include—

24 “(1) a description of the past experience of the
25 applicant in operating a comparable program or in

1 conducting a grant program in support of other
2 comparable service programs;

3 “(2) a public education plan to the community;

4 “(3) an outreach plan to the targeted popu-
5 lation;

6 “(4) a description of the range of services to be
7 provided and the anticipated outcomes;

8 “(5) a plan to train personnel;

9 “(6) assurances that the program will use
10 qualified personnel;

11 “(7) assurances that the applicant has the ad-
12 ministrative capacity to operate a program;

13 “(8) an estimation of the number of eligible
14 adults to be served annually;

15 “(9) a plan to coordinate services available to
16 eligible adults with other Federal, State, and local
17 agencies;

18 “(10) a description of the evaluation indicators
19 to assess program quality and effectiveness; and

20 “(11) such other information as the Secretary
21 considers appropriate.

22 **“SEC. 395. REPORT.**

23 “The Secretary shall report to Congress every 2
24 years, beginning with the 2d year after the date of the

1 enactment of this part regarding the effectiveness of pro-
2 grams for eligible adults served under this part.

3 **“SEC. 396. PROGRAM STANDARDS.**

4 “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this part the Secretary, in consultation with ap-
6 propriate experts, educators, and administrators, shall de-
7 velop indicators of program quality to be used by eligible
8 service providers that receive assistance under this part
9 as models by which to judge the quality and effectiveness
10 of such programs, including the effectiveness of recruiting
11 students, retention of material by students, and improve-
12 ment of education, language, and literacy skills of students
13 served by such programs. Such indicators shall take into
14 account different operating conditions and shall be modi-
15 fied as necessary.

16 **“SEC. 397. DEFINITIONS.**

17 “For purposes of this part—

18 “(1) the term ‘eligible adult’ means an adult
19 who—

20 “(A) is an alien lawfully admitted to the
21 United States for permanent residence;

22 “(B) is an alien lawfully admitted to the
23 United States as a refugee; or

24 “(C) is otherwise permanently residing in
25 the United States under color of law;

- 1 “(2) the term ‘eligible services’ means—
- 2 “(A) English language instruction;
- 3 “(B) citizenship or civics instruction;
- 4 “(C) adult education and vocational edu-
- 5 cation;
- 6 “(D) literacy services; and
- 7 “(E) college preparatory classes; and
- 8 “(3) the term ‘eligible service providers’
- 9 means—
- 10 “(A) State educational agencies;
- 11 “(B) local educational agencies;
- 12 “(C) public and private institutions of
- 13 higher learning (excluding for-profit trade
- 14 schools); and
- 15 “(D) public and private nonprofit organi-
- 16 zations, including community-based organiza-
- 17 tions.

18 **“SEC. 398. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION.**

19 “‘There are authorized to be appropriated

20 \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and such sums as may

21 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 through

22 1999 to carry out this part.’”.

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