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To make grants to local educational agencies and community-based organizations to provide assistance to localities most directly affected by hate crimes.

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ 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. HATE CRIME PREVENTION.**

4 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Edu-
5 cation may make grants to local educational agencies and
6 community-based organizations for the purpose of provid-
7 ing assistance to localities most directly affected by hate
8 crimes.

9 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

1 (1) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.—Grants under
2 this section may be used to improve elementary and
3 secondary educational efforts, including—

4 (A) development of education and training
5 programs designed to prevent and to reduce the
6 incidence of crimes and conflicts motivated by
7 hate;

8 (B) development of curricula for the pur-
9 pose of improving conflict or dispute resolution
10 skills of students, teachers, and administrators;

11 (C) development and acquisition of equip-
12 ment and instructional materials to meet the
13 needs of, or otherwise be part of, hate crime or
14 conflict programs; and

15 (D) professional training and development
16 for teachers and administrators on the causes,
17 effects, and resolutions of hate crimes or hate-
18 based conflicts.

19 (2) IN GENERAL.—In order to be eligible to re-
20 ceive a grant under this section for any fiscal year,
21 a local educational agency or a local educational
22 agency in conjunction with a community-based orga-
23 nization shall submit an application to the Secretary
24 in such form and containing such information as the
25 office may reasonably require.

1 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—Each application under
2 subsection (a) shall include—

3 (A) a request for funds for the purposes
4 described in this section;

5 (B) a description of the schools and com-
6 munities to be served by the grants; and

7 (C) assurances that Federal funds received
8 under this section shall be used to supplement,
9 not supplant, non-Federal funds.

10 (4) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.—Each application
11 shall include a comprehensive plan that contains—

12 (A) a description of the hate crime or con-
13 flict problems within the schools or the commu-
14 nity targeted for assistance;

15 (B) a description of the program to be de-
16 veloped or augmented by these Federal and
17 matching funds;

18 (C) assurances that such program or activ-
19 ity shall be administered by or under the super-
20 vision of the applicant;

21 (D) proper and efficient administration of
22 such program; and

23 (E) fiscal control and fund accounting pro-
24 cedures as may be necessary to ensure prudent

1 use, proper disbursement, and accurate ac-
2 counting of funds received under this section.

3 (c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—From the funds au-
4 thorized under this Act. The Secretary of Education may
5 carry out programs under this section.

6 (d) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

7 (1) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-
8 retary shall consider the incidence of crimes and
9 conflicts motivated by bias in the targeted schools
10 and communities in awarding grants under this
11 section.

12 (2) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The Sec-
13 retary shall attempt, to the extent practicable, to
14 achieve an equitable geographic distribution of grant
15 awards.

16 (3) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The
17 Secretary shall attempt, to the extent practicable, to
18 make available information regarding successful hate
19 crime prevention programs, including programs es-
20 tablished or expanded with grants under this section.

21 (e) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to the
22 Congress a report every 2 years which shall contain a de-
23 tailed statement regarding grants and awards, activities
24 of grant recipients and an evaluation of programs estab-
25 lished under this section.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section—

2 (1) the term ‘hate crime’ means a crime as de-
3 fined by the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990;

4 (2) the term ‘local educational agency’ means a
5 public board of education or other public authority
6 legally constituted within a State for either adminis-
7 trative control or direction of, or to perform a serv-
8 ice function for, public elementary and secondary
9 schools in a city, county, township, school district, or
10 other political subdivision of a State, or such com-
11 bination of school districts or counties as are recog-
12 nized in a State as an administrative agency for its
13 public elementary and secondary schools and in-
14 cludes any other public institution or agency having
15 administrative control and direction of a public ele-
16 mentary or secondary school; and

17 (3) the term ‘community-based organization’
18 means a private nonprofit organization which is rep-
19 resentative of a community or significant segments
20 of a community and which provides educational or
21 related services to individuals in the community.

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