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S. 1741

To provide for teacher training facilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 1998

Mr. DEWINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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 “Teacher Quality Act
5 of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) there is a teacher quality crisis, not a teach-
9 er quantity crisis, in the United States;

10 (2) individuals entering a classroom should have
11 a sound grasp of the subject the individuals intend

1 to teach, and the individuals should know how to
2 teach;

3 (3) the quality of teachers impacts student
4 achievement;

5 (4) people who enter the teaching profession
6 through alternative certification programs can bene-
7 fit from having the opportunity to attend a teacher
8 training facility;

9 (5) teachers need to increase their subject mat-
10 ter knowledge;

11 (6) less than 40 percent of the individuals
12 teaching the core subjects (English, mathematics,
13 science, social studies, and foreign languages) ma-
14 jored or minored in the core subjects; and

15 (7) according to the Third International Mathe-
16 matics and Science Study, American high school
17 seniors finished near the bottom of the study in both
18 science and mathematics.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to
20 strengthen teacher training programs by establishing a
21 private and public partnership to create the best teacher
22 training facilities in the world to ensure that teachers re-
23 ceive unlimited access to the most updated technology and
24 skills training in education, so that students can benefit
25 from the teachers' knowledge and experience.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
4 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
5 the term in section 14101 of the Elementary and
6 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

7 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of Education.

9 **SEC. 4. GRANTS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated
11 under section 5 for a fiscal year the Secretary shall award
12 grants to local educational agencies to enable the local
13 educational agencies to establish teacher training facilities
14 for elementary and secondary school teachers.

15 (b) COMPETITIVE BASIS.—The Secretary shall award
16 grants under this Act on a competitive basis.

17 (c) PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT REQUIRED.—In order
18 to receive a grant under this Act, a local educational agen-
19 cy shall enter into a contract with a nongovernmental or-
20 ganization to establish a teacher training facility.

21 (d) APPLICATIONS.—Each local educational agency
22 desiring a grant under this Act shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary an application at such time, in such manner, and
24 accompanied by such information as the Secretary may
25 require. Each such application shall contain an assurance
26 that the local educational agency—

1 (1) has raised \$4,000,000 in matching funds,
2 from public or private sources, for the support of the
3 teacher training facility;

4 (2) will train the teachers employed by the local
5 educational agency at the teacher training facility
6 for a period of 10 years after the date the agency
7 enters into the contract described in subsection (c);
8 and

9 (3) will spend 0.5 percent of the local edu-
10 cational agency's total school budget for each fiscal
11 year to support the teacher training facility.

12 (e) AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall award each grant
13 under this section in the amount of \$4,000,000.

14 (f) NUMBER.—The Secretary shall award 2 grants
15 under this title for fiscal year 1999, 3 such grants for fis-
16 cal year 2000, 3 such grants for fiscal year 2001, and
17 4 such grants for fiscal year 2002.

18 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
20 this Act \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$12,000,000 for
21 fiscal year 2000, \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and
22 \$16,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

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