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To provide for an inexpensive book distribution program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 17, 1999

Mrs. MURRAY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To provide for an inexpensive book distribution program.

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. INEXPENSIVE BOOK DISTRIBUTION.**

4 Part E of title X of the Elementary and Secondary  
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8131) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 **“PART E—INEXPENSIVE BOOK DISTRIBUTION**  
8 **PROGRAM**

9 **“SEC. 10501. INEXPENSIVE BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**  
10 **FOR READING MOTIVATION.**

11 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized  
12 to enter into a contract with First Book—

1           “(1) to pay the Federal share of the cost of dis-  
2     tributing new books to disadvantaged children and  
3     families primarily through tutoring, mentoring, and  
4     family literacy programs; and

5           “(2) to promote the growth and strengthening  
6     of First Book Local Advisory Boards with the goal  
7     of leveraging the Federal book distribution efforts  
8     and building upon the work of community programs  
9     to enhance reading motivation for at-risk children.

10          “(b) REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACT.—Any contract  
11 entered into under subsection (a) shall—

12           “(1) provide that First Book will provide tech-  
13     nical support and initial resources to First Book  
14     Local Advisory Boards to support efforts to provide  
15     new books to those tutoring, mentoring, and family  
16     literacy programs reaching disadvantaged children;

17           “(2) provide that First Book, working in co-  
18     operation with the First Book Local Advisory  
19     Boards, will give priority to those tutoring, men-  
20     toring, and family literacy programs that serve chil-  
21     dren and families with special needs, predominantly  
22     those children from economically disadvantaged fam-  
23     ilies and those children and families without access  
24     to libraries;

1           “(3) provide that First Book will annually re-  
2           port to the Secretary regarding the number of books  
3           distributed, the number of Local Advisory Boards  
4           created and supported, the number of community tu-  
5           toring, mentoring, and family literacy programs re-  
6           ceiving books for children, and the number of chil-  
7           dren provided with books; and

8           “(4) include such other terms and conditions as  
9           the Secretary determines to be appropriate to ensure  
10          the effectiveness of the program.

11          “(c) RESTRICTION ON PAYMENTS.—The Secretary  
12          shall require First Book to ensure that the discounts pro-  
13          vided by publishers and distributors for the new books  
14          purchased under this section is at least as favorable as  
15          discounts that are customarily given by such publishers  
16          or distributors for book purchases made under similar cir-  
17          cumstances in the absence of Federal assistance.

18          “(d) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL SHARE.—For the  
19          purpose of this section, the term ‘Federal share’ means,  
20          with respect to the cost of purchasing books under this  
21          section, 100 percent of the cost to First Book.

22          “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—For the  
23          purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
24          to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year 2001

1 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 suc-  
2 ceeding fiscal years.”.

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