

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2120

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish teacher recruitment and professional development programs for rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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. RURAL TEACHER PROGRAMS.**

4 Part A of title II of the Elementary and Secondary
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6621 et seq.) is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 2104. RURAL TEACHERS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
3 on a competitive basis to rural eligible local educational
4 agencies to carry out activities described in subsection (b).

5 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A rural eligible local edu-
6 cational agency that receives a grant under this section
7 may use the funds made available through the grant to
8 develop incentive programs—

9 “(1) to recruit and retain qualified teachers;
10 and

11 “(2) to provide high-quality professional devel-
12 opment to teachers.

13 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
14 under this section, a rural eligible local educational agency
15 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
16 in such manner, and containing such information as the
17 Secretary may reasonably require.

18 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA.—The
20 term ‘metropolitan statistical area’ has the meaning
21 given such term by the Bureau of the Census.

22 “(2) RURAL ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
23 AGENCY.—The term ‘rural eligible local educational
24 agency’ means a local educational agency—

25 “(A) that is not located in a metropolitan
26 statistical area; and

1 “(B) in which there is a high percentage
2 (as determined by the Secretary) of individuals
3 from families with incomes below the poverty
4 line (as defined by the Office of Management
5 and Budget, and revised annually in accordance
6 with section 673(2) of the Community Services
7 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))) applica-
8 ble to a family of the size involved.”.

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