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S. 2341

To authorize appropriations for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to achieve full funding for part B of that Act by 2010.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 2000

Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SESSIONS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “IDEA Full Funding
5 Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) All children deserve a quality education, in-
9 cluding children with disabilities.

1 (2) The Individuals with Disabilities Education
2 Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) provides that the Fed-
3 eral Government and State and local governments
4 are to share in the expense of educating children
5 with disabilities and commits the Federal Govern-
6 ment to provide funds to assist with the excess ex-
7 penses of educating children with disabilities.

8 (3) While Congress committed to contribute up
9 to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure
10 of educating children with disabilities, the Federal
11 Government has failed to meet this commitment to
12 assist States and localities.

13 (4) To date, the Federal Government has never
14 contributed more than 12.6 percent of the national
15 average per pupil expenditure to assist with the ex-
16 cess expenses of educating children with disabilities
17 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education
18 Act.

19 (5) Failing to meet the Federal Government's
20 commitment to assist with the excess expense of
21 educating a child with a disability contradicts the
22 goal of ensuring that children with disabilities re-
23 ceive a quality education.

1 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

2 It is the purpose of this Act to reach the Federal Gov-
 3 ernment's goal under part B of the Individuals with Dis-
 4 abilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.) of pro-
 5 viding 40 percent of the national average per pupil ex-
 6 penditure to assist States and local educational agencies
 7 with the excess costs of educating children with disabil-
 8 ities.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PART B**
 10 **OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**
 11 **EDUCATION ACT.**

12 Notwithstanding section 611(j) of the Individuals
 13 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1412(j)), for
 14 the purpose of carrying out part B of such Act, other than
 15 section 619, there are authorized to be appropriated—

- 16 (1) \$7,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;
 17 (2) \$9,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;
 18 (3) \$11,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;
 19 (4) \$13,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;
 20 (5) \$15,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2005;
 21 (6) \$17,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;
 22 (7) \$19,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
 23 (8) \$21,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
 24 (9) \$23,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;
 25 (10) \$25,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

- 1 (11) such sums as may be necessary for each
- 2 subsequent fiscal year.

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