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To improve Mandarin language education by authorizing grants to support the creation of Mandarin language classes for elementary and secondary school and adult education program students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KNOLLENBERG 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mandarin Language
5 Teaching Grant Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

3 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the 50
4 States of the United States, the District of Colum-
5 bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United
6 States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

7 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
8 ty” means a school district located in any State, or
9 a group of two or more school districts located in
10 any State.

11 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM.**

12 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary is authorized to award
13 grants to eligible entities to institute Mandarin language
14 classes for elementary and secondary school and adult
15 education students.

16 (b) TERM.—Each grant shall be for a term of 5
17 years.

18 (c) INSTRUCTOR COMPENSATION.—Funds received
19 under such grant may be used to pay any salary or benefit
20 to a Mandarin language instructor.

21 (d) SUPPLANTING.—Funds made available under this
22 section shall supplement, and not supplant, other Federal,
23 State, or local funds available to an eligible entity to carry
24 out activities described in this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION PROCEDURES.**

2 (a) APPLICATION.—To be considered for a grant
3 under section 3, an eligible entity shall submit to the Sec-
4 retary an application, at such time, in such manner, and
5 including such information as the Secretary may require.

6 (b) CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL.—In making a deter-
7 mination of whether to award to an eligible entity a grant
8 under section 3, the Secretary shall give special consider-
9 ation to applications describing programs that—

10 (1) include a range of class levels, from begin-
11 ner to advanced;

12 (2) link speakers in the community who are bi-
13 lingual in English and Mandarin with elementary
14 and secondary schools in order to promote two-way
15 language learning;

16 (3) promote the sequential study of Mandarin
17 language for students, beginning in elementary
18 school;

19 (4) make effective use of technology, such as
20 computer-assisted instruction, language laboratories,
21 or distance learning, to promote Mandarin language
22 study;

23 (5) promote innovative activities, such as Man-
24 darin language immersion, partial Mandarin lan-
25 guage immersion, or content-based instruction; and

1 (6) promote a comprehensive approach to learn-
2 ing Mandarin, which includes programs on the his-
3 tory and culture of China.

4 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 (a) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
6 priated to the Secretary for the purpose of making grants
7 under section 3 of this Act \$50,000,000 for the period
8 beginning with fiscal year 2008 and ending with fiscal
9 year 2013.

10 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
11 priated under this section are authorized to remain avail-
12 able until expended.

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