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H. R. 3955

To provide for educational partnerships between science museums and
National Laboratories.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. KIRK,
Mr. COSTELLO, and Mr. HASTERT) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

A BILL

To provide for educational partnerships between science
museums and National Laboratories.

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 “Science Museum and
5 National Laboratory Partnership Demonstration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SCIENCE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Energy is author-
8 ized to award on a competitive basis up to 5 grants to
9 partnerships for the purposes of—

1 (1) increasing public understanding of the sci-
2 entific work occurring at the National Laboratories;

3 (2) developing exhibits and informal education
4 programs featuring advances in physical sciences;
5 and

6 (3) increasing public understanding of science,
7 technology, engineering, and mathematics dis-
8 ciplines.

9 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—Grants shall be awarded
10 under this section only to partnerships that include science
11 museums, or consortia thereof—

12 (1) serving no fewer than 1,000,000 visitors an-
13 nually; and

14 (2) with an existing partnership with one or
15 more National Laboratories.

16 (c) GRANT ALLOCATION.—Science museums or con-
17 sortia thereof may not receive more than 60 percent of
18 a grant award for any fiscal year, with the remaining
19 funds allocated to National Laboratory partners.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

21 (1) the term “National Laboratory” has the
22 meaning given that term in section 2 of the Energy
23 Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801);

24 (2) the term “partnership” means as an agree-
25 ment among a science museum (or consortia thereof)

1 and one or more Department of Energy National
2 Laboratories; and

3 (3) the term “science museum” means an ac-
4 credited nonprofit museum with a mission to educate
5 and inspire the public about science, scientific ad-
6 vancement, and careers in science.

7 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of En-
9 ergy for carrying out this Act \$20,000,000 for each of
10 the fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

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