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H. R. 6065

To promote green schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SESTAK, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. MATHESON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Green Schools Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GREEN SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-
7 vironmental Protection Agency shall establish a program
8 for making grants of up to \$10,000 per project to local

1 educational agencies for projects for green school con-
2 struction and improvements.

3 (b) MATCHING FUNDS.—A grant shall be made for
4 a project under subsection (a) only if at least 50 percent
5 of the costs of the project will be paid from non-Federal
6 sources.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

8 (1) the term “green school construction and im-
9 provements” means construction methods, systems,
10 technologies, or facility improvements that create a
11 healthy learning environment while saving natural
12 resources and money, including—

13 (A) sustainable site improvements;

14 (B) water conservation strategies or sys-
15 tems;

16 (C) energy conservation strategies or sys-
17 tems;

18 (D) sustainable materials, including low-
19 emitting, reused, recycled, regionally harvested,
20 and rapidly renewable materials; and

21 (E) strategies or systems that improve in-
22 door environmental quality, including improve-
23 ments to acoustics, ventilation, thermal com-
24 fort, daylighting, and mold prevention; and

1 (2) the term “local educational agency” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 9101 of the Ele-
3 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 7801).

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of
7 the Environmental Protection Agency for carrying out this
8 section \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009
9 through 2013.

10 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION AND GREENING OF QUALIFIED ZONE**
11 **ACADEMY BONDS.**

12 (a) EXTENSION.—Paragraph (1) of 1397E(e) of the
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to limitation on
14 amount of bonds designated) is amended by striking
15 “1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006,
16 and 2007” and inserting “each of calendar years 1998
17 through 2012”.

18 (b) GREENING.—Paragraph (5) of section 1397E(d)
19 of such Code (defining qualified purpose) is amended by
20 adding at the end the following new sentence:

21 “In the case of bonds issued after the date of the
22 enactment of this sentence, any rehabilitation, re-
23 pair, or provision of equipment shall be treated as
24 a qualified purpose only if such rehabilitation, re-
25 pair, or provision, as the case may be, is described

1 in section 2(c) of the Green Schools Act, as in effect
2 on such date.”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall apply to obligations issued after De-
5 cember 31, 2007.

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