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# H. R. 6809

To award grants to assist public schools with the rising costs of fuel for school buses and energy for school buildings.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HODES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To award grants to assist public schools with the rising costs of fuel for school buses and energy for school buildings.

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 “Energy for Schools  
5 Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.**

7       (a) GRANTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

8 From the amounts appropriated under section 8, the Sec-  
9 retary of Education shall award grants to State edu-  
10 cational agencies for the purpose of awarding subgrants

1 to local educational agencies to assist public schools with  
2 the increased costs of fuel for school buses and energy for  
3 public school buildings in accordance with sections 5 and  
4 6.

5 (b) GRANT APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under  
6 subsection (a), a State educational agency shall submit an  
7 application to the Secretary in such form, manner, and  
8 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

9 **SEC. 3. SUBGRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.**

10 (a) SUBGRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-  
11 CIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State educational agency  
13 that receives a grant under section 2 shall award  
14 subgrants to local educational agencies to assist pub-  
15 lic schools with the increased costs of fuel for school  
16 buses and energy for public school buildings in ac-  
17 cordance with sections 5 and 6.

18 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A State edu-  
19 cational agency that receives a grant under section  
20 2 shall use not more than 5 percent of such grant  
21 for the administrative costs of carrying out the  
22 subgrant program.

23 (b) SUBGRANT APPLICATION.—To receive a subgrant  
24 under subsection (a), a local educational agency shall sub-  
25 mit an application to the State educational agency serving

1 such local educational agency in such form, manner, and  
2 containing such information as such State educational  
3 agency may require.

4 **SEC. 4. GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.**

5 (a) GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—  
6 From the amounts appropriated under section 8, the Sec-  
7 retary shall award grants to local educational agencies  
8 that did not receive a subgrant under section 3 to assist  
9 public schools with the increased costs of fuel for school  
10 buses and energy for public school buildings in accordance  
11 with sections 5 and 6.

12 (b) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under sub-  
13 section (a), a local educational agency shall submit an ap-  
14 plication to the Secretary in such form, manner, and con-  
15 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

16 **SEC. 5. USES OF FUNDS.**

17 A local educational agency that receives a subgrant  
18 under section 3 or a grant under section 4, shall use such  
19 funds to assist public schools within the jurisdiction of  
20 such local educational agency—

- 21 (1) to pay for the increase in the cost of fuel  
22 for school buses that serve such public schools; and  
23 (2) to pay for the increase in the cost of energy  
24 to heat, to cool, or to provide electricity to the build-  
25 ings of such public schools.

1 **SEC. 6. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.**

2 To the extent practicable, a local educational agency  
3 that receives a subgrant under section 3 or a grant under  
4 section 4 shall distribute the funds allotted to cover the  
5 increase in the cost of fuel for school buses to the public  
6 schools within the jurisdiction of such local educational  
7 agency proportionally, based on such local educational  
8 agency's estimate of the total miles traveled by school  
9 buses that serve such public schools.

10 **SEC. 7. REGULATIONS.**

11 The Secretary is authorized to prescribe regulations  
12 necessary to implement this Act.

13 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
15 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

16 **SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The terms “local educational  
19 agency” and “State educational agency” have the  
20 meanings given the terms in section 9101 of the Ele-  
21 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
22 U.S.C. 7801).

23 (2) INCREASE IN THE COST OF FUEL FOR  
24 SCHOOL BUSES.—The phrase “increase in the cost  
25 of fuel for school buses” means the amount of in-  
26 crease in the cost of fuel for school buses from the

1 date one calendar year prior to the date of the en-  
2 actment of this Act to the date of the enactment of  
3 this Act.

4 (3) INCREASE IN THE COST OF ENERGY.—The  
5 phrase “increase in the cost of energy” means the  
6 amount of increase in energy prices from the date  
7 one calendar year prior to the date of the enactment  
8 of this Act to the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (4) PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The term “public  
10 school” has the meaning given the term in section  
11 5145 of the Elementary and Secondary Education  
12 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7217d).

13 (5) SCHOOL BUS.—The term “school bus”  
14 means a bus or any other vehicle used to transport  
15 students to and from their homes to school, or to  
16 and from school-related activities and events.

17 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
18 Secretary of Education.

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