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H. R. 6034

To provide demonstration grants to States for the purpose of extending the length of the academic year at elementary and secondary schools within the State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Classroom Commit-
5 ment Partnership Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made available to
8 carry out this Act, the Secretary of Education shall make
9 demonstration grants to States for the purpose of extend-

1 ing the length of the academic year at elementary and sec-
2 ondary schools within the State to not fewer than 200 aca-
3 demic days of not fewer than 7 hours each.

4 (b) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A grant under this section
5 shall be awarded for a period of 3 consecutive academic
6 years. The provision of payments under such a grant is
7 subject to annual approval by the Secretary and subject
8 to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal year in-
9 volved to make the payments.

10 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under
11 this Act, a State must, for the entire period covered by
12 the grant, have in effect laws and policies that ensure that
13 each elementary and secondary school in the State uses
14 an academic year of not fewer than 200 academic days,
15 with each such academic day of not fewer than 7 hours
16 devoted to actual instruction.

17 (d) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this
18 Act, a State must submit to the Secretary an application
19 that contains—

20 (1) assurances satisfactory to the Secretary
21 that the State will be eligible for the grant for the
22 entire period covered by the grant;

23 (2) a description of the State's plan for using
24 the grant amounts to carry out the purpose of the
25 grant program; and

1 (3) an estimate of the cost of the plan.

2 (e) SELECTION.—In selecting States to receive grants
3 under this Act, the Secretary shall select only those States
4 that do not use an academic year of not fewer than 200
5 academic days of not fewer than 7 hours devoted to actual
6 instruction.

7 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
9 \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2009.

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