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To provide assistance to local elementary schools through its local educational agency for the prevention and reduction of conflict and violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH 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 “Conflict Resolution and
5 Mediation Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the violence within elementary schools
9 across the Nation has escalated dramatically during

1 the past 5 years, spreading from inner cities to the
2 suburbs;

3 (2) violence is devastating the future generation
4 of our children, who are committing more serious
5 crimes than ever before;

6 (3) juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17 ac-
7 counted for 17 percent of all violent-crime arrests in
8 1991;

9 (4) between 1987 and 1991, the number of
10 youths arrested for murder around the country in-
11 creased by 85 percent;

12 (5) 13 percent of all incidents involving guns in
13 schools occur in elementary and preschools;

14 (6) an estimated 100,000 children bring guns
15 to school every day and that some 2,000 students
16 and 40 teachers are attacked every hour;

17 (7) discipline problems plague classrooms and
18 schools;

19 (8) conflicts involving racial and cultural dif-
20 ferences are increasing, truancy is epidemic, and vio-
21 lence is escalating;

22 (9) conflicts among students and between stu-
23 dents and staff occur with frequency and consume
24 considerable teacher and administrator time;

1 year 1994 and such sums as may be necessary for each
2 of the fiscal years 1995 through 1999 to carry out the
3 projects under this Act.

4 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

5 Grants made by the Secretary under this Act shall
6 be used to develop programs for conflict resolution and
7 mediation for students, teachers, and other personnel in
8 regular contact with students at school.

9 **SEC. 5. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to be eligible to receive
11 a grant under this Act for any fiscal year, a local elemen-
12 tary school shall submit an application to the Secretary
13 in such form and containing such information as the Sec-
14 retary may reasonably require.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each application under sub-
16 section (a) shall include—

17 (1) a request for funds for the purposes de-
18 scribed in section 2(b);

19 (2) information of the school and communities
20 to be served by the grant, including the nature of
21 the conflict and violence problems within and around
22 the school;

23 (3) statistical information in such form and
24 containing such information that the Secretary may

1 require regarding conflict and violence within the el-
2 elementary school and surrounding communities; and

3 (4) assurances that Federal funds received
4 under this Act shall be used to supplement, not sup-
5 plant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be
6 available for activities funded under this Act.

7 (c) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.—Each application shall
8 include a comprehensive plan that shall contain—

9 (1) a description of the conflict and violence
10 problems within the elementary school and sur-
11 rounding community targeted for assistance;

12 (2) a description of the resources available in
13 the community to help implement the plan together
14 with a description of the areas in the plan that can-
15 not be filled with existing resources; and

16 (3) a description of the system the applicant
17 will establish to prevent and reduce ongoing conflict
18 and violence problems.

19 **SEC. 6. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS; LIMITATIONS ON GRANTS.**

20 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE COST LIMITATION.—The Sec-
21 retary shall use not more than 5 percent of the funds
22 available under this Act for the purposes of administration
23 and technical assistance.

24 (b) RENEWAL OF GRANTS.—A grant under this Act
25 may be renewed for not more than 2 additional years after

1 the first fiscal year during which the recipient receives an
2 initial grant under this Act, subject to the availability of
3 funds, if—

4 (1) the Secretary determines that the funds
5 made available to the recipient during the previous
6 year were used in a manner required under the ap-
7 proved application; and

8 (2) the Secretary determines that an additional
9 grant is necessary to implement the violence preven-
10 tion program described in the comprehensive plan as
11 required by section 5(c).

12 **SEC. 7. AWARD OF GRANTS.**

13 (a) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary
14 shall consider the following factors in awarding grants to
15 local elementary schools:

16 (1) CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE PROBLEM.—The
17 nature and scope of the violence problem in the tar-
18 geted schools.

19 (2) NEED AND ABILITY.—Demonstrated need
20 and evidence of the ability to provide the services de-
21 scribed in the plan required under section 5(c).

22 (3) POPULATION.—The number of students to
23 be served by the plan required under section 5(c).

1 (b) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary
2 shall attempt, to the extent practicable, to achieve an equi-
3 table geographic distribution of grant awards.

4 **SEC. 8. REPORTS.**

5 (a) REPORTS.—Local elementary schools that receive
6 funds under this Act shall submit to the Secretary a de-
7 tailed report not later than March 1 of each year that de-
8 scribes progress achieved in carrying out the plan required
9 under section 5(c).

10 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall
11 submit to the Congress a report by October 1 of each year
12 in which grants are made available under this Act which
13 shall contain a detailed statement regarding grant awards,
14 activities of grant recipients, a compilation of statistical
15 information submitted by applicants under section
16 5(b)(3), and an evaluation of programs established under
17 this Act.

18 **SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.**

19 For the purpose of this Act:

20 (1) The term “local educational agency” has
21 the same meaning given such term under section
22 1471(12) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
23 cation Act of 1965.

24 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
25 of Education.

