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H. R. 3191

To authorize a program of grants to improve the quality of technical education in manufacturing and other vocational technologies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLINK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

A BILL

To authorize a program of grants to improve the quality of technical education in manufacturing and other vocational technologies.

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 “Education in Voca-
5 tional Technology Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) rapid technological advances and global eco-
9 nomic competition demand increased levels of skilled

1 technical education by high school graduates and
2 other young job seekers entering the workforce;

3 (2) in order to increase the productivity of the
4 Nation's economy and ensure that an adequate num-
5 ber of high school graduates and other workers are
6 qualified to enter the high technology workplace of
7 the future, it is necessary to improve the quality of
8 instruction in manufacturing and other vocational
9 technologies; and

10 (3) technical education programs which use
11 state-of-the-art equipment and appropriate tech-
12 nologies will help provide workers with the technical
13 skills necessary for employment in a changing work-
14 place.

15 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

16 The purpose of this Act is to provide grants to States
17 that—

18 (1) assist local educational agencies in improv-
19 ing the quality of instruction and training in, or de-
20 veloping instruction and training in, manufacturing
21 and other vocational technologies; and

22 (2) assist local educational agencies in purchas-
23 ing state-of-the-art equipment for technical voca-
24 tional education.

1 **SEC. 4. GRANTS FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
4 to make grants to the States to improve the quality
5 of instruction or training in, or develop instruction
6 and training in, manufacturing and other occupa-
7 tional technologies.

8 (2) STATE APPLICATION.—A State Board of
9 Vocational Education that desires to receive a grant
10 under this Act shall submit an application to the
11 Secretary at such time and in such manner and
12 form as the Secretary may reasonably require.

13 (3) STATE COSTS.—Not more than 10 percent
14 of a grant received under this section may be used
15 by the State Board of Vocational Education for ad-
16 ministrative costs.

17 (b) ALLOCATIONS.—Not less than 90 percent of the
18 amount received by a State Board of Vocational Education
19 shall be distributed to local educational agencies.

20 (c) LOCAL FUNDS.—

21 (1) LOCAL APPLICATION.—A local educational
22 agency that desires to receive a grant under this sec-
23 tion shall submit an application to the State Board
24 of Vocational Education.

25 (2) DISTRIBUTION.—In approving grants under
26 this section, the State Board of Vocational Edu-

1 cation shall assure an equitable distribution among
2 urban and rural areas of the State.

3 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 5
4 percent of a grant made under this section to a local
5 educational agency may be used for administrative
6 costs.

7 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for each of
9 the fiscal years 1997 through 2001 to carry out this sec-
10 tion.

11 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR EQUIPMENT.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
14 to make grants to the States to assist States in pur-
15 chasing state-of-the-art equipment for technical vo-
16 cational education.

17 (2) STATE APPLICATION.—A State Board of
18 Vocational Education that desires to receive a grant
19 under this Act shall submit an application to the
20 Secretary at such time and in such manner and
21 form as the Secretary may reasonably require.
22 States that also are applying for a grant under sec-
23 tion 4(a)(2), may amend such application to include
24 programs under this section.

1 (3) STATE COSTS.—Not more than 10 percent
2 of a grant received under this section may be used
3 by a State Board of Vocational Education for ad-
4 ministrative costs.

5 (b) ALLOCATIONS.—Not less than 90 percent of the
6 amount received by a State Board of Vocational Education
7 shall be distributed to local educational agencies.

8 (c) LOCAL FUNDS.—

9 (1) LOCAL APPLICATION.—A local educational
10 agency that desires to receive a grant under this sec-
11 tion shall submit an application to the State Board
12 of Vocational Education.

13 (2) DISTRIBUTION.—In approving grants under
14 this section, the State Board of Vocational Edu-
15 cation shall assure an equitable distribution among
16 urban and rural areas of the State.

17 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 5
18 percent of a grant made under this section to a local
19 educational agency may be used for administrative
20 costs.

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for each of
23 the fiscal years 1997 through 2001 to carry out this sec-
24 tion.

1 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For purposes of this Act:

3 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
4 of Education.

5 (2) The term “local educational agency” has
6 the same meaning given such term in section 14101
7 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
8 1965.

9 (3) The term “State Board of Vocational Edu-
10 cation” means the sole State agency responsible for
11 the administration or the supervision of the State
12 vocational education program as described in section
13 111(a) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Ap-
14 plied Technology Education Act.

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