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H. R. 3313

To amend the Goals 2000: Educate America Act to allow local educational agencies to participate in certain programs if the State in which the agency is located does not participate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BROWDER, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. MILLER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

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 “Goals 2000 Local Au-
5 tonomy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In 1989, President Bush and the Nation’s
2 Governors endorsed the need for National Education
3 Goals defining what students need to know in each
4 subject area, standards for performance improve-
5 ment in those subject areas, and assessments to
6 measure student performance.

7 (2) The idea for Goals 2000 was initiated by a
8 Republican President, passed by Congress with bi-
9 partisan support, and signed by a Democratic Presi-
10 dent.

11 (3) There is a substantial movement to preserve
12 the autonomy of each local educational agency’s
13 right to decide the curriculum for their own school
14 systems.

15 (4) Some local educational agencies who would
16 like to participate in the Goals 2000 program have
17 been prevented from doing so by their State govern-
18 ment’s decision not to participate in this program.

19 **SEC. 3. LOCAL BYPASS.**

20 Section 304 of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act
21 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(e) LOCAL BYPASS.—

24 “(1) LOCAL GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Notwith-
25 standing any other provision of law, if a State does

1 not participate in the program authorized under this
2 title, the Secretary is authorized to use the allotment
3 such State would have received under this section to
4 award grants, through a competitive process, to local
5 educational agencies in such State that have applica-
6 tions approved under paragraph (2).

7 “(2) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—Each local edu-
8 cational agency described in paragraph (1) desiring
9 a grant under such paragraph shall submit an appli-
10 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner
11 and accompanied by such information, as the Sec-
12 retary may require. Each such application shall con-
13 tain assurances that the local educational agency
14 will develop a local improvement plan that meets
15 such requirements applicable to a State educational
16 agency under section 306, and will meet such other
17 requirements applicable to a State educational agen-
18 cy under this title, as the Secretary determines are
19 appropriately applied to a local educational agency
20 under this subsection.”.

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