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H. R. 4180

To provide schools throughout the country with the capability to use new technology to its fullest potential.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOAKLEY 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 “Community On-Line
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) A recent General Accounting Office report
9 entitled “School Facilities—America’s Schools Not
10 Designed or Equipped for the 21st Century”, found

1 that while over 75 percent of the Nation's schools
2 have sufficient computers, most do not have the
3 technology to fully use them, and schools in cities
4 with more than a 50 percent minority population
5 were more likely to have insufficient technology.

6 (2) Failure to upgrade technology in our Na-
7 tion's schools will result in a poorly qualified
8 workforce because students will not become com-
9 puter literate.

10 (3) To become computer literate educators need
11 to be trained to teach children how to use the new
12 technology to its fullest potential.

13 (4) A skilled workforce is critical to ensure pro-
14 ductivity and competitiveness in the United States.

15 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

16 The purpose of this Act is to provide grants to librar-
17 ies, local educational agencies, and community education
18 centers, to purchase, install, and operate the most up-to-
19 date computer systems, access the Internet, and train edu-
20 cators to use technology to its fullest potential.

21 **SEC. 4. GRANT AWARDS.**

22 The Secretary of Education may award grants, con-
23 tracts, or enter into cooperative agreements (on a competi-
24 tive basis) with an eligible entity—

25 (1) to purchase, install, and operate computers;

1 (2) to educate and train teachers, librarians,
2 and others on how to use the latest technology and
3 how to access the information superhighway; and

4 (3) to develop teacher and librarian training
5 programs to help all students to use the latest up-
6 to-date technology to its fullest potential.

7 **SEC. 5. ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity under this Act
9 is a library, an elementary or secondary school, or a local
10 educational agency.

11 (b) PARTNERSHIP.—To be eligible to receive a grant,
12 contract, or enter into a cooperative agreement with the
13 Secretary, an eligible entity shall have formed a partner-
14 ship with the State, unit of local government, or represent-
15 atives of the local business community in which such li-
16 brary, school, or local educational agency is located to pur-
17 chase computers and provide for interconnectivity.

18 **SEC. 6. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

19 A local education agency receiving a grant under this
20 Act shall provide either directly or through private con-
21 tributions or State or local contributions, non-Federal
22 matching funds equal to not less than 50 percent of the
23 amount of the grant.

1 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

3 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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