

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2223

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 1997

Mr. HAYWORTH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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 “Education Land Grant  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFERS OF PUBLIC LANDS OR NATIONAL FOR-**  
2 **EST LANDS FOR USE FOR ELEMENTARY AND**  
3 **SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

4 Section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize  
5 acquisition or use of public lands by States, counties, or  
6 municipalities for recreational purposes”, approved June  
7 14, 1926 (Chapter 578; 44 Stat. 741; 43 U.S.C. 869),  
8 popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes  
9 Act, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence—

11 (A) by inserting “or national forest lands”  
12 after “public lands”; and

13 (B) by inserting “including to a local edu-  
14 cation agency for use for an elementary or sec-  
15 ondary school, including a public charter  
16 school,” after “public purposes,”;

17 (2) in subsection (a), in the second sentence, by  
18 striking “public lands” and inserting “lands”;

19 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “in any na-  
20 tional forest, national park, or national monument,  
21 or national wildlife refuge,” and inserting “in the  
22 National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge  
23 System, the National Wilderness Preservation Sys-  
24 tem, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System,  
25 the National Trails System, any Bureau of Land

1 Management area of critical environmental concern,  
2 or any national recreation area,” and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(d) DEADLINE FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICA-  
5 TION FOR USE FOR SCHOOL.—If the Secretary receives  
6 an application from a duly qualified applicant that is a  
7 local education agency seeking a conveyance of land under  
8 this Act for use for an elementary or secondary school,  
9 including a public charter school, the Secretary shall—

10 “(1) before the end of the 10-day period begin-  
11 ning on the date of that receipt, provide notice of  
12 that receipt to the applicant; and

13 “(2) before the end of the 60-day period begin-  
14 ning on the date of that receipt—

15 “(A) determine whether or not to convey  
16 land pursuant to the application, and notify the  
17 applicant of that determination; or

18 “(B) report to the Congress and the appli-  
19 cant the reasons that determination has not  
20 been made.”.

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