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To assist poor communities with public elementary and secondary school construction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To assist poor communities with public elementary and secondary school construction.

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. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FOR**
4 **POOR COMMUNITIES AUTHORIZED.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education is au-
6 thorized to make grants to eligible local educational agen-
7 cies to assist them in addressing the cost of constructing
8 new public elementary and secondary school facilities or
9 building additions to existing public elementary and sec-
10 ondary school facilities.

1 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—A local educational agency is eligi-
2 ble to receive funds under this section if 20 percent or
3 more of the children aged 5 to 17, inclusive, served by
4 the local educational agency are from families with in-
5 comes below the poverty line.

6 (c) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal
7 funds provided under this section to a local educational
8 agency may not exceed 10 percent of the total cost of the
9 project to be assisted under this section.

10 (d) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT
11 AND PRODUCTS.—In the case of any equipment or prod-
12 ucts that may be authorized to be purchased with financial
13 assistance provided under this section, it is the sense of
14 the Congress that entities receiving such assistance
15 should, in expending the assistance, purchase only Amer-
16 ican-made equipment and products.

17 (e) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.—In
18 providing financial assistance under this section, the head
19 of each Federal agency shall provide to each recipient of
20 the assistance a notice describing the statement made in
21 subsection (d) by the Congress.

22 (f) USE OF AMERICAN-MADE STEEL.—A local edu-
23 cational agency receiving financial assistance under this
24 section for construction shall use American-made steel for
25 such construction and shall comply with the requirements

1 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a et seq., popu-
2 larly known as the “Buy American Act”).

3 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
5 \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

6 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
8 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
9 such term in section 14101 of the Elementary and
10 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

11 (2) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”
12 means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of
13 Management and Budget, and revised annually in
14 accordance with section 673(2) of the Community
15 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))) ap-
16 plicable to a family of the size involved.

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