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H. R. 2731

To direct the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, to establish a 2-year grant program to compensate schools for rising energy costs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. INSLEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “School Energy Assist-
5 ance Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO COMPENSATE SCHOOLS FOR**
7 **RISING ENERGY COSTS.**

8 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary

1 of Education, in consultation with the Secretary of En-
2 ergy, shall establish a 2-year grant program to provide re-
3 imbursements under subsection (b) to assist eligible enti-
4 ties under subsection (c) that have been severely impacted
5 by rising energy prices.

6 (b) REIMBURSEMENTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To
7 the extent practicable and subject to the availability of ap-
8 propriations, the Secretary of Education shall provide re-
9 imbursements to eligible entities under subsection (c) in
10 an amount up to 50 percent of the amount of the increase
11 in annual energy costs experienced by the eligible entity
12 for the academic year involved. In providing such reim-
13 bursements, the Secretary may give priority to eligible en-
14 tities that have demonstrated the greatest need for such
15 funds and the strongest commitment to energy conserva-
16 tion.

17 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DESCRIBED.—An eligible enti-
18 ty is a local educational agency or a Bureau funded school
19 (as such terms are defined in the Elementary and Sec-
20 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.))
21 that has—

22 (1) reduced annual energy consumption on a
23 per capita basis (based on the number of students
24 served) by at least 10 percent from the previous aca-
25 demic year; and

1 (2) experienced an increase in annual energy
2 costs of at least 15 percent over the 1999–2000 aca-
3 demic year (without regard to the reduction required
4 under paragraph (1)).

5 (d) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring funds
6 under this section shall submit an application to the Sec-
7 retary of Education, in such form, at such time, and con-
8 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

9 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

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