

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 719

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that senior citizens are given an opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and volunteers for certain programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mr. WU (for himself and Mr. FLETCHER) 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 “Seniors in Our Schools
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

7 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
8 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms

1 of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other
2 provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to
3 a section or other provision of the Elementary and Sec-
4 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

5 **SEC. 3. 21st CENTURY LEARNING CENTERS.**

6 Section 10904(a)(3) (20 U.S.C. 8244(a)(3)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and”
9 after the semicolon;

10 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
11 paragraph (F); and

12 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(E) a description of how the school or
15 consortium will encourage and use appro-
16 priately trained senior citizens as volunteers in
17 activities identified under section 10905; and”.

18 **SEC. 4. GOVERNOR’S PROGRAMS.**

19 Section 4114(c) (20 U.S.C. 7114(c)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (11), by striking “and” after
21 the semicolon; and

22 (2) by redesignating paragraph (12) as para-
23 graph (13);

24 (3) by inserting after paragraph (11) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(12) drug and violence prevention activities
2 that use the services of appropriately trained senior
3 citizens for activities that include mentoring, tutor-
4 ing, and volunteering; and”.

5 **SEC. 5. LOCAL DRUG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PRO-**
6 **GRAMS.**

7 Section 4116(b) (20 U.S.C. 7116(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) after “mentoring” insert “(including
10 mentoring by senior citizens)”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

12 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and”
13 after the semicolon;

14 (ii) in clause (iii), by inserting “and”
15 after the semicolon; and

16 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(iv) drug and violence prevention ac-
19 tivities that use the services of appro-
20 priately trained senior citizens for such ac-
21 tivities as mentoring, tutoring, and volun-
22 teering;”;

23 (2) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting “(includ-
24 ing mentoring by senior citizens) after “mentoring
25 programs”; and

1 (3) in paragraph (8), by inserting “which may
2 involve senior citizens working with students” after
3 “settings”.

4 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL PROGRAMS.**

5 Section 4121(a) (20 U.S.C. 7131(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (10), by inserting “, including
7 projects and activities that promote the interaction
8 of youth and senior citizens” after “responsibility”;
9 and

10 (2) in paragraph (13), by inserting “, including
11 activities that integrate appropriately trained senior
12 citizens for activities such as mentoring, tutoring,
13 and volunteering” after “title”.

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