

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4973

To amend the rural and low-income program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include professional development in STEM education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2014

Mr. PEARCE 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 “Spurring Teacher Edu-
5 cation Movement for STEM Act” or the “STEM for
6 STEM Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The National Center for Education Statis-
2 tics found that high school students from 29 nations
3 performed better in math than high school students
4 from the United States.

5 (2) High school students from 22 nations per-
6 formed better in science than high school students
7 from the United States.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that—

10 (1) the United States should be at the forefront
11 of education for science, technology, engineering,
12 and math (in this section referred to as “STEM”);

13 (2) students in low income and rural areas have
14 limited access to STEM resources;

15 (3) teachers should have high-quality profes-
16 sional development opportunities in STEM to in-
17 crease their content knowledge and improve student
18 learning; and

19 (4) teacher professional development should
20 provide strategies for integrating STEM education
21 across all demographics.

1 **SEC. 3. USES OF FUNDS FOR RURAL AND LOW-INCOME**
2 **SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

3 Section 6222(a)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7351a(a)(2)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking “and to” and inserting “, to”;
7 and

8 (2) by adding before the period at the end the
9 following: “, and to train teachers in the area of
10 science, technology, engineering, and math edu-
11 cation”.

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