

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6002

To direct the Secretary of Education to establish a grant program for the construction of schools in overcrowded areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY 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 Overcrowding
5 Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Edu-
9 cation shall establish a program (in this section referred
10 to as the “Program”) under which the Secretary may

1 award grants, on a competitive basis, to qualifying local
2 educational agencies in accordance with this section.

3 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
4 the Program, a qualifying local educational agency shall
5 submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
6 such form, and containing such information as the Sec-
7 retary may require.

8 (c) GRANT USES.—Grant amounts awarded to a
9 qualifying local educational agency under the Program
10 shall be used for activities relating to the construction of
11 a school facility.

12 (d) PRIORITY OF AWARD.—In selecting qualifying
13 local educational agencies to receive a grant under the
14 Program, the Secretary shall give priority to agencies that
15 demonstrate that grant amounts received will be used to
16 construct a school facility in a location that is no more
17 than two miles from a school served by the agency in
18 which the average class size (excluding special education
19 classes exclusively serving children with disabilities as de-
20 fined in section 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities
21 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401)) exceeds 25 students.

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Program
24 \$10,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

1 (f) QUALIFYING LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “qualifying local edu-
3 cational agency” means a local educational agency (as that
4 term is defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and
5 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801))
6 that—

7 (1) is a recipient of funds under title I of such
8 Act (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.); and

9 (2) has a service area with respect to which—

10 (A) the aggregate average class size (ex-
11 cluding special education classes exclusively
12 serving children with disabilities as defined in
13 section 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities
14 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401)) exceeds 23
15 students; or

16 (B) more than 20 percent of students are
17 assigned to a class with more than 30 students.

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