

**Cárdenas Amendment 3 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION  
TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GRANTS.**

“(a) PURPOSES.—The Secretary shall use funds made available under section X to provide English language acquisition technology innovation grants for purposes of pursuing breakthrough research and development in educational technology and providing the effective use of that technology to improve English proficiency and academic achievement for English learners, by—

“(1) identifying and promoting advances in fundamental and applied sciences and engineering that could be translated into new language learning or instruction technologies;

“(2) developing novel language learning or instruction technologies, and the enabling processes and contexts for effective use of those technologies;

“(3) developing, testing, and evaluating the impact and efficacy of those technologies;

“(4) accelerating technological advances in areas in which the private sector, by itself, is not likely to accelerate such advances because of difficulties in implementation or adoption, or technical and market uncertainty;

“(5) coordinating activities with nongovernmental entities to demonstrate technologies and research applications to facilitate technology transfer; and

“(6) encouraging educational research on English language acquisition using new technologies and the data produced by those technologies.

“(b) AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary is authorized to—

“(1) establish processes for the development and execution of English language acquisition technology innovation grant projects and the solicitation of entities to carry out the projects in a manner that is—

“(A) tailored to the purposes of the English language acquisition technology innovation grants and not constrained by other Department-wide administrative requirements that could detract from achieving program results;

“(B) designed to heighten transparency; and

“(C) designed to heighten public- and private-sector involvement to ensure that investments are made in the most promising areas;

“(2) award grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and cash prizes, and enter into other transactions (in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may establish regarding other transactions);

“(3) obtain independent, periodic, rigorous evaluations, as appropriate, of—

“(A) the effectiveness of the processes being used to award and evaluate the effectiveness of the

English language acquisition technology innovation grants in achieving the stated purposes; and

“(B) the effectiveness of individual projects assisted by English language acquisition technology innovation grants, using evidence standards developed in consultation with the Institute of Education Sciences, and the suitability of ongoing projects assisted by such grants for further investment or increased scale;

“(4) disseminate, through the comprehensive centers established under section 203 of the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (20U.S.C. 9602), the regional educational laboratories system established under section 174 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9564), or such other means as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, information on effective practices and technologies developed with the support of English language acquisition technology innovation grants; and

“(5) collect, analyze, synthesize, and disseminate, through the comprehensive centers established under section 203 of the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9602), the regional educational laboratories system established under section 174 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9564), or such other means as the

Secretary determines to be appropriate information and educational research and processes related to the education of English learners.

“(c) EVALUATION FUNDS.—The Secretary may use funds made available for English language acquisition technology innovation grants to pay the cost of the evaluations under subsection (b)(3).

“(d) NONDUPLICATION.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, cash prizes, or other assistance or arrangements awarded or entered into pursuant to this section that are designed to carry out the purposes of the English language acquisition technology innovation grants do not duplicate activities under programs carried out under Federal law other than this section by the Department or other Federal agencies.