

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 1086. WORLD LANGUAGE ADVANCEMENT AND READI-**
2 **NESS GRANTS.**

3 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense, in consultation with the Director of National Intel-
5 ligence and the Secretary of Education, shall carry out
6 a program under which the Secretary of Defense makes
7 grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational agen-
8 cies and local educational agencies to pay the Federal
9 share of the cost of innovative model programs providing
10 for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of world
11 language study for elementary school and secondary school
12 students.

13 (b) DURATION.—Each grant under this section shall
14 be awarded for a period of 3 years.

15 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL EDU-
16 CATIONAL AGENCIES.—

17 (1) GRANTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
18 CIES.—In awarding a grant under this section to a
19 State educational agency, the Secretary of Defense

1 shall support programs that promote systemic ap-
2 proaches to improving world language learning in
3 the State.

4 (2) GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
5 CIES.—In awarding a grant under this section to a
6 local educational agency, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall support programs that—

8 (A) show the promise of being continued
9 beyond the grant period;

10 (B) demonstrate approaches that can be
11 disseminated to and duplicated in other local
12 educational agencies; and

13 (C) may include a professional develop-
14 ment component.

15 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
17 graph (2), the Federal share for each fiscal year
18 shall be 50 percent.

19 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Defense
20 may determine the Federal share for any local edu-
21 cational agency that the Secretary determines does
22 not have adequate resources to pay the non-Federal
23 share.

24 (e) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

1 (1) Not less than 75 percent of the funds made
2 available to carry out this section for a fiscal year
3 shall be used for the expansion of world language
4 learning in elementary schools.

5 (2) Not less than 75 percent of the funds made
6 available to carry out this section for a fiscal year
7 shall be used to support instruction in world lan-
8 guages determined by the Secretary of Defense to be
9 critical to the national security interests of the
10 United States.

11 (3) The Secretary of Defense may reserve not
12 more than 5 percent of funds made available to
13 carry out this section for a fiscal year to evaluate
14 the efficacy of programs that receive grants under
15 this section.

16 (f) APPLICATIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be considered for a grant
18 under this section, a State educational agency or
19 local educational agency shall submit an application
20 to the Secretary of Defense at such time, in such
21 manner, and containing such information and assur-
22 ances as the Secretary may require.

23 (2) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—The Secretary
24 of Defense shall give special consideration to appli-
25 cations describing programs that—

1 (A) include intensive summer world lan-
2 guage programs for professional development of
3 world language teachers;

4 (B) link nonnative English speakers in the
5 community with the schools in order to promote
6 two-way language learning;

7 (C) promote the sequential study of a
8 world language for students, beginning in ele-
9 mentary schools;

10 (D) make effective use of technology, such
11 as computer-assisted instruction, language lab-
12 oratories, or distance learning, to promote
13 world language study;

14 (E) promote innovative activities, such as
15 dual language immersion, partial world lan-
16 guage immersion, or content-based instruction;
17 and

18 (F) are carried out through a consortium
19 comprised of the agency receiving the grant, an
20 elementary school or secondary school, and an
21 institution of higher education (as that term is
22 defined in section 102 of the Higher Education
23 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)).

24 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
2 school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary
3 school”, and “State educational agency” have the
4 meanings given the terms in section 8101 of the Ele-
5 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
6 U.S.C. 7801).

7 (2) WORLD LANGUAGE.—The term “world lan-
8 guage” means—

9 (A) any natural language other than
10 English, including—

11 (i) languages determined by the Sec-
12 retary of Defense to be critical to the na-
13 tional security interests of the United
14 States;

15 (ii) classical languages;

16 (iii) American sign language; and

17 (iv) Native American languages; and

18 (B) any language described in subpara-
19 graph (A) that is taught in combination with
20 English as part of a dual language or immer-
21 sion learning program.

