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# S. 371

To provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes.

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 “College Quality, Af-  
5 fordability, and Diversity Improvement Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
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TITLE I—ACCESS TO COLLEGE FOR ALL

- Sec. 101. Pell Grants.
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- Sec. 113. Special programs for students whose families are engaged in migrant and seasonal farmwork.
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- Sec. 115. Revision of tax table.
- Sec. 116. Income contingent repayment for public sector employees.

#### TITLE II—TEACHER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

- Sec. 201. Amendment to title II.

#### TITLE III—DIVERSITY, RETENTION, AND ENRICHED ACADEMICS FOR MATRICULATING STUDENTS

- Sec. 301. Test preparation for low-income students.
- Sec. 302. Admissions and retention.
- Sec. 303. Federal Trio Program.
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#### TITLE IV—OPPORTUNITIES AT HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS

- Sec. 401. Postbaccalaureate opportunities for Hispanic Americans.
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#### TITLE V—HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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- Sec. 601. Loan repayment or cancellation for individuals who teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.
- Sec. 602. Amounts forgiven not treated as gross income.

### 1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) A college education is more important than  
2           ever, and the Federal Government should do more to  
3           make it affordable and accessible to all qualified stu-  
4           dents because—

5                   (A) recent shifts in the economy have in-  
6                   creased the demand for college-educated work-  
7                   ers and increased the wage gap between college-  
8                   educated workers and those without a degree  
9                   (workers with a Bachelor's degree earn 75 per-  
10                  cent more than workers with just a high school  
11                  diploma); and

12                  (B) jobs requiring some postsecondary  
13                  education are expected to account for about 42  
14                  percent of total job growth from 2000 through  
15                  2010.

16           (2) Increased access to college, reformed admis-  
17           sions systems, and better retention of students are  
18           needed because—

19                   (A) 65 percent of high-income students are  
20                   on a college-preparatory track, whereas only 28  
21                   percent of low-income students are on a college-  
22                   preparatory track;

23                   (B) 7 times as many students from high-  
24                   income families (48 percent) graduate from col-

1           lege by age 24 as students from low-income  
2           families (7 percent);

3           (C) 80 percent of 4-year institutions of  
4           higher education use the SAT in the admissions  
5           process;

6           (D) commercial SAT coaching classes,  
7           such as those run by Kaplan, Inc. and Prince-  
8           ton Review, have demonstrated effectiveness in  
9           raising a student's SAT score by 100 points or  
10          more, which can significantly improve a stu-  
11          dent's chance of getting into an elite college;

12          (E) SAT coaching programs range from  
13          \$700 to \$3,000 per course, and the costs are  
14          prohibitive for low-income students;

15          (F) those students who receive SAT coach-  
16          ing tend to be disproportionately middle or upper  
17          class;

18          (G) 34 percent of students who receive  
19          SAT coaching are from families whose com-  
20          bined annual income is between \$40,000 and  
21          \$80,000, and 43 percent are from families  
22          whose combined annual income is more than  
23          \$80,000;

1           (H) applying to college early decision pro-  
2           vides an advantage to an applicant equal to an  
3           additional 100 points on the SAT;

4           (I) low-income students are less able to  
5           apply to colleges early decision because such  
6           students need to compare the financial aid  
7           packages at different colleges;

8           (J) 40 percent of all Whites age 18  
9           through 24 are enrolled in institutions of higher  
10          education, whereas only 30 percent of all Afri-  
11          can-Americans and only 16 percent of all His-  
12          panics are enrolled in institutions of higher edu-  
13          cation;

14          (K) nearly 4 out of every 10 Hispanics en-  
15          rolled full time in 4-year colleges drop out with-  
16          in 3 years of their initial enrollment, African-  
17          Americans are half as likely as White students  
18          to complete a Bachelor's degree in 4 years, and  
19          low-income students are half as likely as upper-  
20          income students to complete a Bachelor's de-  
21          gree in 4 years;

22          (L) in 1990, 1 in 4 Americans was a mem-  
23          ber of a minority group, and in 2001, 1 in 3  
24          Americans was a member of a minority group;

1 (M) low-income, college-qualified high  
2 school graduates have an annual “unmet need”  
3 of \$3,800 in college expenses, expenses not cov-  
4 ered by grants, loans, work, or family savings;

5 (N) 46 percent of all students who work in  
6 addition to being full-time students report 25  
7 hours or more a week of employment; and

8 (O) 50 percent of those employed more  
9 than 25 hours a week report that working hurts  
10 their grades and retention in college, and stu-  
11 dents who work more than 35 hours a week are  
12 considerably less likely to complete a year of  
13 college than those who work less than 15 hours  
14 a week.

15 (3) Federal student aid is too focused on loans  
16 instead of grant aid because—

17 (A) although approximately  
18 \$55,000,000,000 is made available annually in  
19 direct and indirect Federal aid to postsecondary  
20 education students and their families, in 2002,  
21 60 percent of such Federal student aid was in  
22 the form of loans while only 40 percent was in  
23 the form of grants, a reversal of the distribu-  
24 tion 20 years ago;

1 (B) the purchasing power of the Pell Grant  
2 has declined since Pell Grants today cover less  
3 than 40 percent of average fixed costs at 4-year  
4 public colleges, about half of what they covered  
5 25 years ago;

6 (C) 15 years ago Pell Grants covered 98  
7 percent of average tuition at 4-year public col-  
8 leges, whereas today Pell Grants only cover 64  
9 percent on average;

10 (D) the Federal Government saves money  
11 under the Direct Loan program and makes a  
12 profit of 2.1 cents on every dollar lent under  
13 the Direct Lending program, while it loses 8.9  
14 cents on every dollar lent under the Federal  
15 Family Education Loan Program; and

16 (E) average student indebtedness is  
17 \$17,000, and reaches over \$120,000 for profes-  
18 sional school graduates.

19 (4) The Federal Government should do more to  
20 help States, local educational agencies, and schools  
21 ensure a qualified teacher in every classroom be-  
22 cause under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001,  
23 States are required to ensure that all teachers teach-  
24 ing in core academic subjects within the State are  
25 “highly qualified” not later than the end of the

1 2005–2006 school year. States need to do much  
2 more to meet the challenges in the new Federal law.  
3 In the 1999–2000 school year, 29 percent of elemen-  
4 tary school students, 59 percent of middle school  
5 students, and 29 percent of high school students  
6 were taught by teachers without both a major and  
7 certification in the subject in which they taught.

8 (5) There is a severe shortage of qualified  
9 teachers, especially in high-need fields and low-in-  
10 come areas because—

11 (A) approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of America’s teachers  
12 leave teaching sometime during their first 3  
13 years of teaching and almost half leave during  
14 the first 5 years;

15 (B) overall turnover rate for teachers in  
16 high-poverty areas is almost  $\frac{1}{3}$  higher than it  
17 is for teachers in all schools;

18 (C) underqualified teachers are more often  
19 found in high-poverty schools; and

20 (D) in low-poverty secondary schools, ap-  
21 proximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of students are taught by a  
22 teacher who lacks either a college degree in the  
23 subject area in which the teacher teaches or  
24 certification in such subject area, while in high-



1 poverty secondary schools, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
 2 students are taught by such a teacher.

3 (6) Teacher shortages are more severe in some  
 4 fields than in others:

5 (A) Employment opportunities in teaching  
 6 special education are expected to grow 21 to 35  
 7 percent through 2010, an increase of over  
 8 150,000 positions.

9 (B) The most recent data from a 1994  
 10 General Accounting Office report estimates a  
 11 shortage of 100,000 to 200,000 bilingual teach-  
 12 ers, even as the limited English proficient stu-  
 13 dent population continues to grow.

14 (C) It is estimated that of the 2,000,000  
 15 teachers needed over the next 10 years, almost  
 16 200,000 will be secondary school mathematics  
 17 and science teachers.

18 **TITLE I—ACCESS TO COLLEGE**  
 19 **FOR ALL**

20 **SEC. 101. PELL GRANTS.**

21 (a) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR PELL  
 22 GRANTS.—There are authorized to be appropriated and  
 23 there are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury  
 24 not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year ending Sep-  
 25 tember 30, 2005, for carrying out subpart 1 of part A

1 of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
2 \$14,515,000,000.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION AMOUNT AND MAXIMUM PELL  
4 GRANT.—Section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of  
5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “ap-  
8 propriation Act” and inserting “appropriation  
9 Act or subparagraph (C)”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(C) The maximum Pell Grant for which a stu-  
12 dent shall be eligible during award year 2005–2006  
13 shall be \$5,100.”; and

14 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking clauses (i)  
15 through (v) and inserting the following:

16 “(i) \$7,600 for academic year 2006–2007;

17 “(ii) \$8,600 for academic year 2007–2008;

18 “(iii) \$9,600 for academic year 2008–2009;

19 “(iv) \$10,600 for academic year 2009–2010;

20 and

21 “(v) \$11,600 for academic year 2010–2011.”.

22 **SEC. 102. EXPANSION OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

23 (a) EXPANSION OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP CREDIT.—

24 (1) DOUBLE MAXIMUM CREDIT TO \$3,000.—

25 Subsection (b) of section 25A of the Internal Rev-

1 enue Code of 1986 (relating to Hope and Lifetime  
2 Learning credits) is amended by striking “2” in  
3 paragraph (4) and inserting “3”.

4 (2) CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR 4 YEARS.—Sub-  
5 section (b) of section 25A of such Code is amended  
6 by striking “2” each place it appears in paragraphs  
7 (2)(A) and (2)(C) and inserting “4”.

8 (3) REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 25A of such  
10 Code is hereby moved to subpart C of part IV  
11 of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code (re-  
12 lating to refundable credits) and inserted after  
13 section 35.

14 (B) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

15 (i) Section 36 of such Code is redesign-  
16 nated as section 37.

17 (ii) Section 25A of such Code (as  
18 moved by subsection (a)) is redesignated as  
19 section 36.

20 (iii) Paragraph (1) of section 36(a) of  
21 such Code (as redesignated by paragraph  
22 (2)) is amended by striking “this chapter”  
23 and inserting “this subtitle”.

24 (iv) Subparagraph (B) of section  
25 72(t)(7) of such Code is amended by strik-

1 ing “section 25A(g)(2)” and inserting  
2 “section 36(g)(2)”.

3 (v) Subparagraph (A) of section  
4 135(d)(2) of such Code is amended by  
5 striking “section 25A” and inserting “sec-  
6 tion 36”.

7 (vi) Section 221(d) of such Code is  
8 amended—

9 (I) by striking “section  
10 25A(g)(2)” in paragraph (2)(B) and  
11 inserting “section 36(g)(2)”,

12 (II) by striking “section  
13 25A(f)(2)” in paragraph (2)(B) and  
14 inserting “section 36(f)(2)”, and

15 (III) by striking “section  
16 25A(b)(3)” in paragraph (3) and in-  
17 serting “section 36(b)(3)”.

18 (vii) Section 222 of such Code is  
19 amended—

20 (I) by striking “section 25A” in  
21 subparagraph (A) of subsection (c)(2)  
22 and inserting “section 36”,

23 (II) by striking “section 25A(f)”  
24 in subsection (d)(1) and inserting  
25 “section 36(f)”, and

1 (III) by striking “section  
2 25A(g)(2)” in subsection (d)(1) and  
3 inserting “section 36(g)(2)”.

4 (viii) Section 529 of such Code is  
5 amended—

6 (I) by striking “section  
7 25A(g)(2)” in subclause (I) of sub-  
8 section (e)(3)(B)(v) and inserting  
9 “section 36(g)(2)”,

10 (II) by striking “section 25A” in  
11 subclause (II) of subsection  
12 (e)(3)(B)(v) and inserting “section  
13 36”, and

14 (III) by striking “section  
15 25A(b)(3)” in clause (i) of subsection  
16 (e)(3)(B) and inserting “section  
17 36(b)(3)”.

18 (ix) Section 530 of such Code is  
19 amended—

20 (I) by striking “section  
21 25A(g)(2)” in subclause (I) of sub-  
22 section (d)(2)(C)(i) and inserting  
23 “section 36(g)(2)”,

24 (II) by striking “section 25A” in  
25 subclause (II) of subsection

1 (d)(2)(C)(i) and inserting “section  
2 36”, and

3 (III) by striking “section  
4 25A(g)(2)” in clause (iii) of sub-  
5 section (d)(4)(B) and inserting “sec-  
6 tion 36(g)(2)”.

7 (x) Subsection (e) of section 6050S of  
8 such Code is amended by striking “section  
9 25A” and inserting “section 36”.

10 (xi) Subparagraph (J) of section  
11 6213(g)(2) of such Code is amended by  
12 striking “section 25A(g)(1)” and inserting  
13 “section 36(g)(1)”.

14 (xii) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b)  
15 of title 31, United States Code, is amended  
16 by inserting before the period “or from  
17 section 36 of such Code”.

18 (xiii) The table of sections for subpart  
19 C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1  
20 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
21 amended by striking the item relating to  
22 section 36 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 36. Hope and Lifetime Learning credits.

“Sec. 37. Overpayments of tax.”.

1                   (xiv) The table of sections for subpart  
2                   A of such part IV is amended by striking  
3                   the item relating to section 25A.

4                   (4) CREDIT ALLOWED FOR COST OF ATTEND-  
5                   ANCE.—

6                   (A) IN GENERAL.—

7                   (i) Subsection (b) of section 36 of  
8                   such Code, as moved and redesignated by  
9                   paragraph (3), is amended by striking  
10                  “qualified tuition and related expenses”  
11                  each place it occurs and inserting “cost of  
12                  attendance”.

13                  (ii) Subsection (f) of such section 36  
14                  is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
15                  lowing new paragraph:

16                  “(3) NO PELL REDUCTION.—The term ‘cost of  
17                  attendance’ has the meaning given such term in sec-  
18                  tion 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, ex-  
19                  cept that the term shall not include any costs de-  
20                  scribed in paragraph (4) or (5) of such section.”.

21                  (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22                  (i) Subsection (b)(1)(B) of such sec-  
23                  tion 36 is amended by striking “such ex-  
24                  penses” and inserting “such cost”.

1                   (ii) Subsections (e) and (g) of such  
 2                   section 36 are amended by inserting “the  
 3                   cost of attendance or” before “qualified”  
 4                   each place it appears.

5                   (5) EXPANSION OF LIMITATION.—

6                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of sec-  
 7                   tion 36 of such Code, as moved and redesign-  
 8                   ated by paragraph (3), is amended—

9                   (i) in paragraph (1), by striking the  
 10                  period and inserting “in the case of the  
 11                  Lifetime Learning Credit and paragraph  
 12                  (3) in the case of the Hope Scholarship  
 13                  Credit.”,

14                  (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting  
 15                  “FOR THE LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT”  
 16                  in the heading after “REDUCTION”, and

17                  (iii) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
 18                  paragraph (4) and by adding after para-  
 19                  graph (2) the following new paragraph:

20                  “(3) AMOUNT OF REDUCTION FOR HOPE  
 21                  SCHOLARSHIP CREDIT.—The amount determined  
 22                  under this paragraph is the amount which bears the  
 23                  same ratio to the amount which would be so taken  
 24                  into account as—

25                  “(A) the excess of—



1 “(i) the taxpayer’s modified adjusted  
2 gross income for such taxable year, over

3 “(ii) the sum of—

4 “(I) the amount of any education  
5 assistance received by the student  
6 that is not subject to tax under this  
7 chapter, and

8 “(II) \$40,000 (\$80,000 in the  
9 case of a joint return), bears to

10 “(B) \$10,000 (\$20,000 in the case of a  
11 joint return).”.

12 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sub-  
13 section (h) of such section 36 is amended—

14 (i) in paragraph (2), by inserting  
15 “FOR THE LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT”  
16 in the heading after “LIMITS”, and

17 (ii) by inserting at the end the fol-  
18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “(3) INCOME LIMITS FOR HOPE SCHOLARSHIP  
20 CREDIT.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a tax-  
22 able year beginning after 2005, the \$40,000  
23 and \$80,000 amounts in subsection (d)(3) shall  
24 each be increased by an amount equal to—

25 “(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by

1 “(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-  
2 termined under section 1(f)(3) for the cal-  
3 endar year in which the taxable year be-  
4 gins, determined by substituting ‘calendar  
5 year 2004’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in sub-  
6 paragraph (B) thereof.

7 “(B) ROUNDING.—If any amount as ad-  
8 justed under subparagraph (A) is not a multiple  
9 of \$1,000, such amount shall be rounded to the  
10 next lowest multiple of \$1,000.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
13 December 31, 2004.

14 **SEC. 103. ELIMINATION OF ORIGINATION FEES AND AD-**  
15 **JUSTMENT OF FEES AND TERMS.**

16 (a) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 455(c) of the Higher  
17 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(c)) is amended  
18 to read as follows:

19 “(c) LOAN FEE.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
21 graph (2), the Secretary shall charge the borrower  
22 of a loan made under this part an origination fee of  
23 4.0 percent of the principal amount of the loan.

24 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR SUBSIDIZED LOANS.—  
25 The Secretary may not charge the borrower of a

1 loan made under this part an origination fee if the  
2 borrower receives an interest subsidy for such  
3 loan.”.

4 (b) FFEL PROGRAM.—Section 438(c) of the Higher  
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–1(c)) is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following:

7 “(9) TERMINATION OF ORIGINATION FEES FOR  
8 SUBSIDIZED LOANS.—Notwithstanding any other  
9 provision of this subsection, with respect to any loan  
10 made, insured, or guaranteed under this part on or  
11 after the first July 1 after the date of enactment of  
12 this paragraph for which a borrower receives an in-  
13 terest subsidy under section 428(a)—

14 “(A) no eligible lender may collect directly  
15 or indirectly from the borrower any origination  
16 fee with respect to such loan, or any other fee  
17 relating to the origination of a loan however de-  
18 scribed; and

19 “(B) the Secretary shall not collect any  
20 origination fee from the lender under this sub-  
21 section.”.

22 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF FEES AND LOANS FOR DIRECT  
23 LOANS.—Section 455 of the Higher Education Act of  
24 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e) is amended by adding at the end  
25 the following:

1       “(m) ADJUSTMENT OF FEES AND LOANS.—Notwith-  
2 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary shall  
3 adjust the fees and terms for Federal Direct Unsubsidized  
4 Stafford Loans to be equal to the fees and terms for loans  
5 made to borrowers under section 428H.”.

6 **SEC. 104. DIRECT LOAN REWARD PROGRAM.**

7       Part D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of  
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.) is amended by adding at  
9 the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 460A. DIRECT LOAN REWARD PROGRAM.**

11       “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall  
12 carry out a Direct Loan Reward Program to encourage  
13 institutions of higher education to participate in the stu-  
14 dent loan program under this part.

15       “(b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the  
16 Direct Loan Reward Program, the Secretary shall—

17               “(1) provide to each institution of higher edu-  
18 cation participating in the student loan program  
19 under this part a financial reward payment, in an  
20 amount determined in accordance with subsection  
21 (c), to encourage the institution to provide student  
22 loans under this part;

23               “(2) require each institution of higher edu-  
24 cation receiving a payment under this section to pro-

1       vide student loans under this part for a period of 5  
2       years from the date the payment is made;

3               “(3) where appropriate, require that funds paid  
4       to institutions of higher education under this section  
5       be used to award students a supplement to such stu-  
6       dents’ Pell Grants under subpart 1 of part A;

7               “(4) permit such funds to also be used to award  
8       lower and middle income graduate students need-  
9       based grants; and

10              “(5) encourage all institutions of higher edu-  
11       cation to participate in the Direct Loan Reward  
12       Program.

13              “(c) AMOUNT.—The amount of a financial reward  
14       payment under this section shall be not less than 50 per-  
15       cent of the savings to the Federal Government generated  
16       by the institution’s participation in the student loan pro-  
17       gram under this part instead of the institution’s participa-  
18       tion in the student loan program under part B.

19              “(d) TRIGGER TO ENSURE COST NEUTRALITY.—

20                      “(1) LIMIT TO ENSURE COST NEUTRALITY.—

21       Notwithstanding subsection (c), the Secretary shall  
22       not distribute financial reward payments under the  
23       Direct Loan Reward Program that, in the aggre-  
24       gate, exceed the Federal savings resulting from im-  
25       plementation of the Direct Loan Reward Program.

1           “(2) FEDERAL SAVINGS.—In calculating Fed-  
2           eral savings, as used in paragraph (1), the Secretary  
3           shall determine Federal savings on loans made to  
4           students at institutions of higher education that par-  
5           ticipate in the Direct Loan Reward Program and  
6           that, on the date of enactment of the Direct Loan  
7           Reward Program, participated in the student loan  
8           program under part B, resulting from the difference  
9           of—

10                   “(A) the Federal cost of loan volume made  
11                   under this part; and

12                   “(B) the Federal cost of an equivalent type  
13                   and amount of loan volume made, insured, or  
14                   guaranteed under part B.

15           “(3) DISTRIBUTION RULES.—If the Federal  
16           savings determined under paragraph (2) is not suffi-  
17           cient to distribute full financial reward payments  
18           under the Direct Loan Reward Program, the Sec-  
19           retary shall—

20                   “(A) first make financial reward payments  
21                   to those institutions of higher education that  
22                   participated in the student loan program under  
23                   part B on the date of enactment of the Direct  
24                   Loan Reward Program; and

1           “(B) with any remaining Federal savings  
2 after making payments under subparagraph  
3 (A), make financial reward payments to the in-  
4 stitutions of higher education not described in  
5 subparagraph (A) on a pro-rata basis.

6           “(4) DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS.—

7           “(A) DISTRIBUTION.—Any institution of  
8 higher education that receives a financial re-  
9 ward payment under this section—

10           “(i) shall distribute, where appro-  
11 priate, part or all of such payment among  
12 the students of such institution who are  
13 Pell Grant recipients by awarding such  
14 students a supplemental grant; and

15           “(ii) may distribute part of such pay-  
16 ment as a supplemental grant to graduate  
17 students in financial need.

18           “(B) DESIGNATION.—Such supplemental  
19 grant shall be known as a ‘Booster Pell Grant’.

20           “(5) CARRY OVER.—Any institution of higher  
21 education that receives a reduced financial reward  
22 payment under paragraph (3)(B), shall remain eligi-  
23 ble for the unpaid portion of such institution’s finan-  
24 cial reward payment, as well as any additional finan-

1        cial reward payments for which the institution is  
2        otherwise eligible, in subsequent fiscal years.”.

3    **SEC. 105. COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

4        (a) SUPPORTING REDUCED TUITION INCREASES.—  
5    Part C of title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
6    (20 U.S.C. 1015 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
7    the following:

8    **“SEC. 132. ECONOMIES OF SCALE.**

9        “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

10            “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized  
11        to award grants, on a competitive basis, to univer-  
12        sity consortia to enable such consortia to engage in  
13        endeavors to reduce college costs.

14            “(2) UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM.—In this sec-  
15        tion, the term ‘university consortium’ means a con-  
16        sortium of not less than 5 two- or four-year degree  
17        granting institutions of higher education that receive  
18        assistance under title IV.

19            “(3) DURATION.—Grants awarded under this  
20        section shall be for a period of not more than 4  
21        years.

22        “(b) APPLICATION.—

23            “(1) IN GENERAL.—A university consortium  
24        that desires a grant under this section shall submit  
25        an application to the Secretary at such time, in such



1 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-  
2 retary determines appropriate.

3 “(2) CONTENT.—An application submitted  
4 under paragraph (1) shall include—

5 “(A) a list of the institutions of higher  
6 education that are partners in the university  
7 consortium;

8 “(B) a letter of intent to participate in the  
9 university consortium from each partner insti-  
10 tution of higher education;

11 “(C) a general description of the nature of  
12 the programs, activities, or other cost-cutting  
13 measures to be carried out by the university  
14 consortium with funds received under this sec-  
15 tion, and the cost of such programs, activities,  
16 or other cost-cutting measures;

17 “(D) a description of how such activities  
18 are expected to result in cost savings for all  
19 partner institutions of higher education;

20 “(E) an estimation of how much money  
21 will be saved through such activities;

22 “(F) an assurance that when the univer-  
23 sity consortium efforts begin to post savings for  
24 the partner institutions of higher education, not  
25 less than 50 percent of the savings will be

1 passed to students by cutting or maintaining  
2 student tuition rates or increasing student aid;

3 “(G) an assurance that each partner insti-  
4 tution of higher education will not raise tuition  
5 more than twice the inflation change tracked  
6 pursuant to section 131(c)(4) from academic  
7 year to subsequent academic year during the  
8 life of the grant;

9 “(H) a general timeline of how the univer-  
10 sity consortium will carry out planned activities  
11 and when savings are expected to be posted;  
12 and

13 “(I) a statement as to how the university  
14 consortium plans to provide matching funds re-  
15 quired under this section.

16 “(3) PEER REVIEW PANEL.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
18 submit to a peer review panel each application  
19 submitted under paragraph (1).

20 “(B) COMPOSITION.—The peer review  
21 panel shall consist of representatives from—

22 “(i) higher education, including pro-  
23 fessors;

24 “(ii) the Department; and

25 “(iii) the business community.

1           “(C) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.—With  
2           respect to each application, the peer review  
3           panel shall recommend whether each applicant  
4           should be awarded a grant under this section.

5           “(c) AWARDING OF GRANTS.—

6           “(1) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding  
7           grants under this section, the Secretary shall take  
8           into consideration providing an equitable geographic  
9           distribution of the grants throughout the United  
10          States.

11          “(2) MAXIMUM AWARD.—A grant award under  
12          this section shall be not more than \$200,000. Not  
13          more than \$75,000 may be awarded in the first year  
14          of the grant award and remaining funds shall be  
15          evenly divided over the remaining 3 years.

16          “(d) ACTIVITIES.—

17          “(1) COST-CUTTING ACTIVITIES.—A university  
18          consortium awarded a grant under this section shall  
19          use the grant funds to cut partner institution of  
20          higher education costs by carrying out 1 or more of  
21          the following activities:

22                  “(A) Cooperative purchasing of health care  
23                  and other employee benefit plans.

24                  “(B) Cooperative purchasing of technology  
25                  infrastructure.

1           “(C) Joint degree programs.

2           “(D) Expansion of joint distance education  
3 programs across institutions of higher edu-  
4 cation.

5           “(E) Shared library acquisitions.

6           “(F) Development and implementation of a  
7 credit transfer system among partner institu-  
8 tions of higher education.

9           “(G) Development and implementation of  
10 cooperative billing structures.

11          “(H) Development and implementation of  
12 joint professional development for faculty and  
13 staff.

14          “(I) Joint legal counsel.

15          “(J) Other activities that have the effect of  
16 cutting partner institution of higher education  
17 costs.

18          “(2) FURTHER ACTIVITIES.—A university con-  
19 sortium may carry out activities not listed in para-  
20 graph (1) in addition to carrying out 1 or more ac-  
21 tivities listed in paragraph (1).

22          “(3) COST SAVINGS TO STUDENTS.—Each part-  
23 ner institution of higher education of a university  
24 consortium awarded a grant under this section  
25 shall—

1           “(A) not raise tuition more than twice the  
2 rate of inflation from academic year to subse-  
3 quent academic year during the life of the  
4 grant; and

5           “(B) pass on to the students at such insti-  
6 tution not less than 50 percent of the savings  
7 from the grant by cutting or maintaining stu-  
8 dent tuition rates or increasing student aid.

9           “(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each university consortium  
11 awarded a grant under this section shall provide  
12 matching funds from non-Federal sources to carry  
13 out activities under this section in an amount equal  
14 to—

15           “(A) 40 percent of the grant award in the  
16 first year;

17           “(B) 50 percent of the grant award in the  
18 second year;

19           “(C) 65 percent of the grant award in each  
20 of the third and fourth years; and

21           “(D) 80 percent of the grant award in the  
22 fifth year.

23           “(2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—Not more than  
24 50 percent of the matching funds required under

1 paragraph (1) may be provided in the form of in-  
2 kind contributions.

3 “(f) ONE-TIME AWARD.—A university consortium  
4 may receive a grant under this section only one time.

5 “(g) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made  
6 available under this section shall be used to supplement,  
7 not supplant, other funds available for institutional or  
8 campus-based student aid.

9 “(h) REPORTING.—

10 “(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each university con-  
12 sortium awarded a grant under this section  
13 shall submit an annual report to the Secretary  
14 on progress toward meeting the purposes of this  
15 section.

16 “(B) CONSEQUENCES OF NOT MAKING  
17 SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.—If the Secretary,  
18 after consultation with the peer review panel  
19 described in subsection (b)(3), determines that  
20 the university consortium is not making sub-  
21 stantial progress in meeting the purposes and  
22 goals of this section, as appropriate, by the end  
23 of the second year of the grant, the grant shall  
24 not be continued for the third and fourth year  
25 of the grant.

1           “(2) REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-  
2       retary shall—

3           “(A) conduct an analysis on the overall ef-  
4       fectiveness of university consortia in cutting col-  
5       lege costs and passing savings on to students;  
6       and

7           “(B) make the analysis under subpara-  
8       graph (A) available to Congress and the public  
9       biannually.

10       “(i) NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary may re-  
11      serve not more than 5 percent of the funds appropriated  
12      for this section for any fiscal year for—

13           “(1) peer review of applications;

14           “(2) conducting the analysis required under  
15      subsection (h)(3); and

16           “(3) technical assistance.

17       “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
18      are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
19      \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may  
20      be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

21       (b) COLLEGE COST SUMMIT.—Part C of title I of the  
22      Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015 et seq.),  
23      as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by add-  
24      ing at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 133. COLLEGE COST SUMMIT.**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convene a  
3 college cost summit with representatives of competing peer  
4 institutions of higher education for the purpose of negoti-  
5 ating voluntarily agreed upon limits on future college tui-  
6 tion and fee increases.

7       “(b) SECRETARIAL APPROVAL.—No agreement  
8 reached pursuant to subsection (a) shall take effect absent  
9 approval by the Secretary.

10       “(c) ANTITRUST EXEMPTION.—

11           “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

12               “(A) ANTITRUST LAWS.—The term ‘anti-  
13 trust laws’ has the meaning given such term in  
14 subsection (a) of the first section of the Clayton  
15 Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a)), except that such term  
16 includes section 5 of the Federal Trade Com-  
17 mission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent such  
18 section 5 applies to unfair methods of competi-  
19 tion.

20               “(B) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-  
21 CATION.—The term ‘institution of higher edu-  
22 cation’—

23                   “(i) means an institution of higher  
24 education as defined in section 101; and

25                   “(ii) includes any individual acting on  
26 behalf of such an institution.



1           “(2) EXEMPTION.—The antitrust laws shall not  
 2           apply to any joint discussion, consideration, review,  
 3           action, or agreement by or among institutions of  
 4           higher education or their representatives pursuant to  
 5           this section and for the purpose of, and limited to,  
 6           negotiating voluntarily agreed upon limits on future  
 7           college tuition and fee increases, approved by the  
 8           Secretary.”.

9           (c) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—Part A of title IV  
 10          of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070  
 11          et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

12                           **“Subpart 9—Maintenance of Effort**

13          **“SEC. 420K. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.**

14           “(a) IN GENERAL.—A public institution of higher  
 15          education is eligible to receive the full amount of assist-  
 16          ance under this title for any fiscal year only if the Sec-  
 17          retary determines that the State in which the public insti-  
 18          tution of higher education is located maintains not less  
 19          than 90 percent of its support for higher education from  
 20          the preceding fiscal year, as demonstrated by the State  
 21          aggregate expenditures with respect to the provision of  
 22          higher education.

23           “(b) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the require-  
 24          ments of this section if the Secretary determines that a  
 25          waiver would be equitable due to—

1           “(1) exceptional or uncontrollable cir-  
2           cumstances, such as a natural disaster; or

3           “(2) a precipitous, unpredicted, and unprece-  
4           dented decline in State budget authority.

5           “(c) CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EF-  
6 FORT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
7 the Secretary shall adjust the level of assistance available  
8 to institutions described in subsection (a) by restoring the  
9 Pell Grant maximum under this part and student loan fees  
10 under parts B and D to their levels on June 30, 2004.”.

11          (d) TRUTH-IN-TUITION.—Part A of title IV of the  
12 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.),  
13 as amended by subsection (c), is further amended by add-  
14 ing at the end the following:

15                           **“Subpart 10—Truth-in-tuition**

16           **“SEC. 420L. DISCLOSURE IN APPLICATION.**

17           “An institution of higher education that receives Fed-  
18 eral funds and is eligible for assistance under this title  
19 shall include in materials accompanying an application for  
20 admission to the institution up-to-date annual trend infor-  
21 mation regarding the extent and average amount of such  
22 institution’s tuition and fee discounts.”.

23          (e) COLLEGE CONSUMER PRICE INFORMATION.—  
24 Section 131(c)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
25 (20 U.S.C. 1015(c)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(4) HIGHER EDUCATION MARKET BASKET.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of Labor  
3 Statistics, in consultation with the Commis-  
4 sioner for Education Statistics, shall develop a  
5 higher education cost index that tracks inflation  
6 changes in the necessary costs associated with  
7 higher education.

8 “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
9 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-  
10 priated to carry out this paragraph \$7,000,000  
11 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may be  
12 necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal  
13 years.”.

14 **SEC. 106. CREDIT FOR INTEREST ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
15 **LOANS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-  
17 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
18 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is  
19 amended by inserting after section 25B the following new  
20 section:

21 **“SEC. 25C. INTEREST ON HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS.**

22 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an in-  
23 dividual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax  
24 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount

1 equal to the interest paid by the taxpayer during the tax-  
2 able year on any qualified education loan.

3 “(b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
5 graph (2), the credit allowed by subsection (a) for  
6 the taxable year shall not exceed \$1,500.

7 “(2) LIMITATION BASED ON MODIFIED AD-  
8 JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the modified ad-  
10 justed gross income of the taxpayer for the tax-  
11 able year exceeds \$50,000 (\$100,000 in the  
12 case of a joint return), the amount which would  
13 (but for this paragraph) be allowable as a credit  
14 under this section shall be reduced (but not  
15 below zero) by the amount which bears the  
16 same ratio to the amount which would be so al-  
17 lowable as such excess bears to \$10,000  
18 (\$20,000 in the case of a joint return).

19 “(B) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS IN-  
20 COME.—The term ‘modified adjusted gross in-  
21 come’ means adjusted gross income determined  
22 without regard to sections 911, 931, and 933.

23 “(C) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the  
24 case of any taxable year beginning after 2005,  
25 the \$50,000 and \$100,000 amounts referred to

1 in subparagraph (A) shall be increased by an  
2 amount equal to—

3 “(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by

4 “(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-  
5 termined under section 1(f)(3) for the cal-  
6 endar year in which the taxable year be-  
7 gins, by substituting ‘2004’ for ‘1992’.

8 “(D) ROUNDING.—If any amount as ad-  
9 justed under subparagraph (C) is not a multiple  
10 of \$50, such amount shall be rounded to the  
11 nearest multiple of \$50.

12 “(c) DEPENDENTS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT.—No  
13 credit shall be allowed by this section to an individual for  
14 the taxable year if a deduction under section 151 with re-  
15 spect to such individual is allowed to another taxpayer for  
16 the taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which  
17 such individual’s taxable year begins.

18 “(d) LIMIT ON PERIOD CREDIT ALLOWED.—A credit  
19 shall be allowed under this section only with respect to  
20 interest paid on any qualified education loan during the  
21 first 60 months (whether or not consecutive) in which in-  
22 terest payments are required. For purposes of this para-  
23 graph, any loan and all refinancings of such loan shall be  
24 treated as 1 loan.

25 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

1           “(1) QUALIFIED EDUCATION LOAN.—The term  
2           ‘qualified education loan’ has the meaning given  
3           such term by section 221(d)(1).

4           “(2) DEPENDENT.—The term ‘dependent’ has  
5           the meaning given such term by section 152.

6           “(f) SPECIAL RULES.—

7           “(1) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No credit  
8           shall be allowed under this section for any amount  
9           taken into account for any deduction under any  
10          other provision of this chapter.

11          “(2) MARRIED COUPLES MUST FILE JOINT RE-  
12          TURN.—If the taxpayer is married at the close of  
13          the taxable year, the credit shall be allowed under  
14          subsection (a) only if the taxpayer and the tax-  
15          payer’s spouse file a joint return for the taxable  
16          year.

17          “(3) MARITAL STATUS.—Marital status shall be  
18          determined in accordance with section 7703.”.

19          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
20          tions for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter  
21          1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by  
22          inserting after the item relating to section 25B the fol-  
23          lowing new item:

          “Sec. 25C. Interest on higher education loans.”.

24          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
25          this section shall apply to any qualified education loan (as

1 defined in section 25C(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
2 of 1986, as added by this section) incurred on, before, or  
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, but only with re-  
4 spect to any loan interest payment due after December  
5 31, 2004.

6 **SEC. 107. REFINANCING AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL DIRECT**  
7 **CONSOLIDATION LOAN.**

8 Section 455(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
9 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(g)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “A borrower” and inserting the  
11 following:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A borrower”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) REFINANCING AUTHORITY.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
16 other provision of this part, a borrower may re-  
17 finance a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan at  
18 the prevailing fixed rate as determined by the  
19 Secretary, if the interest rate on such bor-  
20 rower’s Federal Direct Consolidation Loan is  
21 not less than the sum of 3.3 percent and the  
22 average of the bond equivalent rates of the 91-  
23 day Treasury bills auctioned for the previous  
24 calendar quarter.

1                   “(B) ONE-TIME ONLY.—A borrower may  
2                   refinance under subparagraph (A) only once.”.

3 **SEC. 108. LOANS FUNDED THROUGH TAX-EXEMPT SECURI-**  
4                   **TIES.**

5                   (a) SPECIAL ALLOWANCES.—

6                   (1) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 2 of the  
7                   Taxpayer-Teacher Protection Act of 2004 (Public  
8                   Law 108–409; 118 Stat. 2299) is amended in the  
9                   matter preceding paragraph (1) of section 2 by in-  
10                  serting “of the Higher Education Act of 1965” after  
11                  “Section 438(b)(2)(B)”.

12                  (2) IN GENERAL.—Section 438(b)(2)(B) of the  
13                  Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–  
14                  1(b)(2)(B)) (as amended by section 2 of the Tax-  
15                  payer-Teacher Protection Act of 2004) is amend-  
16                  ed—

17                         (A) in clause (iv), by striking “1993, or re-  
18                         funded after September 30, 2004, and before  
19                         January 1, 2006, the” and inserting “1993, or  
20                         refunded on or after the date of enactment of  
21                         the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection Act of 2004,  
22                         the”; and

23                         (B) by striking clause (v) and inserting the  
24                         following:



1           “(v) Notwithstanding clauses (i) and  
2           (ii), the quarterly rate of the special allow-  
3           ance shall be the rate determined under  
4           subparagraph (A), (E), (F), (G), (H), or  
5           (I) of this paragraph, or paragraph (4), as  
6           the case may be, for loans—

7                   “(I) originated, transferred, or  
8                   purchased on or after the date of en-  
9                   actment of the Taxpayer-Teacher Pro-  
10                  tection Act of 2004;

11                   “(II) financed by an obligation  
12                   that has matured, been retired, or  
13                   defeased on or after the date of enact-  
14                   ment of the Taxpayer-Teacher Protec-  
15                   tion Act of 2004;

16                   “(III) which the special allowance  
17                   was determined under such subpara-  
18                   graphs or paragraph, as the case may  
19                   be, on or after the date of enactment  
20                   of the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection  
21                   Act of 2004;

22                   “(IV) for which the maturity  
23                   date of the obligation from which  
24                   funds were obtained for such loans  
25                   was extended on or after the date of

1 enactment of the Taxpayer-Teacher  
2 Protection Act of 2004; or

3 “(V) sold or transferred to any  
4 other holder on or after the date of  
5 enactment of the Taxpayer-Teacher  
6 Protection Act of 2004.”.

7 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the  
8 amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be con-  
9 strued to abrogate a contractual agreement between  
10 the Federal Government and a student loan pro-  
11 vider.

12 (b) AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM REDUCED EXPENDI-  
13 TURES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any funds available to the  
15 Secretary of Education as a result of reduced ex-  
16 penditures under section 438 of the Higher Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–1) secured by  
18 the enactment of subsection (a) shall first be used  
19 by the Secretary for loan cancellation and loan for-  
20 giveness for teachers under sections 428J and 460  
21 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
22 1078–10, 1087j), as amended by section 114 of this  
23 Act.

24 (2) REMAINING FUNDS.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—Any such funds re-  
2 remaining after carrying out paragraph (1) shall  
3 be used by the Secretary of Education to make  
4 payments to each nonprofit lender in an  
5 amount that bears the same relation to the re-  
6 maining funds as the amount the nonprofit  
7 lender receives for fiscal year 2005 under sec-  
8 tion 438(b)(2)(B) of the Higher Education Act  
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–1(b)(2)(B)) bears to  
10 the total amount received by nonprofit lenders  
11 for fiscal year 2005 under such section.

12           (B) DEFINITION OF NONPROFIT LEND-  
13 ER.—In this paragraph the term “nonprofit  
14 lender” means an eligible lender (as defined in  
15 section 435(d) of the Higher Education Act of  
16 1965 (20 U.S.C.1085(d)) that—

17                   (i) is an organization that is described  
18 in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-  
19 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax-  
20 ation under section 501(a) of such Code;

21                   (ii) is a nonprofit entity as defined by  
22 applicable State law; and

23                   (iii) meets the following requirements:

24                           (I) The nonprofit lender does not  
25 confer a salary or benefits to any em-

1 ployee of the nonprofit lender in an  
2 amount that is in excess of the salary  
3 and benefits provided to the Secretary  
4 of Education by the Department of  
5 Education.

6 (II) The nonprofit lender does  
7 not maintain an ongoing relationship  
8 whereby the nonprofit lender passes  
9 on revenue directly or indirectly  
10 through lease, securitization, resale,  
11 or any other financial instrument to a  
12 for-profit entity or to shareholders.

13 (III) The nonprofit lender does  
14 not offer benefits to a borrower in a  
15 manner directly or indirectly predi-  
16 cated on such borrower's participa-  
17 tion—

18 (aa) in a program under  
19 part B or D of title IV of the  
20 Higher Education Act of 1965  
21 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq., 1087a  
22 et seq.); or

23 (bb) with any particular  
24 lender.

1 (IV) The nonprofit lender cer-  
2 tifies that the nonprofit lender uses  
3 the payment received pursuant to sub-  
4 paragraph (A) to confer grant or  
5 scholarship benefits to students who  
6 are eligible to receive Federal Pell  
7 Grants under subpart 1 of part A of  
8 title IV of the Higher Education Act  
9 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.).

10 (V) The nonprofit lender is sub-  
11 ject to public oversight through either  
12 a State charter, or through not less  
13 than 50 percent of the nonprofit lend-  
14 er's board of directors consisting of  
15 State appointed representatives.

16 (VI) The nonprofit lender does  
17 not engage in the marketing of the  
18 relative value of programs under part  
19 B of title IV of the Higher Education  
20 Act of 1965 as compared to programs  
21 under part D of title IV of the Higher  
22 Education Act of 1965, nor does the  
23 nonprofit lender engage in the mar-  
24 keting of loans or programs offered by  
25 for-profit lenders. This subclause shall

1 not be construed to prohibit the non-  
2 profit lender from conferring basic in-  
3 formation on lenders under part B of  
4 title IV of the Higher Education Act  
5 of 1965 and the related benefits of-  
6 fered by such nonprofit lenders.

7 **SEC. 109. WINDFALL PROFIT OFFSET.**

8 Section 438 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
9 U.S.C. 1087–1) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(g) WINDFALL PROFIT OFFSET.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
13 graph (2), at the end of every fiscal quarter for  
14 which an eligible lender does not receive a special al-  
15 lowance payment under this section, the eligible  
16 lender shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury for  
17 deposit into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts  
18 a windfall profit offset payment for the fiscal quar-  
19 ter equal to the amount by which—

20 “(A) the aggregate amount of all payments  
21 of interest received by the eligible lender from  
22 borrowers on all loans made, insured, or guar-  
23 anteed under this part during the fiscal quar-  
24 ter; exceeds

1           “(B) interest guaranteed the lender under  
2           this section for the fiscal quarter, irrespective of  
3           the amount received under subparagraph (A).

4           “(2) EXCEPTION.—An eligible lender shall not  
5           be subject to the requirement of paragraph (1) if the  
6           eligible lender is an organization described in section  
7           501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
8           a nonprofit entity as defined by applicable State law,  
9           and meets the following requirements:

10           “(A) The eligible lender does not confer a  
11           salary or benefits to any employee of the lender  
12           in an amount that is in excess of the salary and  
13           benefits provided to the Secretary by the De-  
14           partment.

15           “(B) The eligible lender does not maintain  
16           an ongoing relationship whereby it passes on  
17           revenue directly or indirectly through lease,  
18           securitization, resale, or any other financial in-  
19           strument to a for-profit entity or to share-  
20           holders.

21           “(C) The eligible lender does not offer ben-  
22           efits to a borrower in a manner directly or indi-  
23           rectly predicated on such borrower’s participa-  
24           tion in a program under this part, part D, or  
25           with any particular lender.

1           “(D) The eligible lender certifies that it  
2 uses the windfall profit amount described in  
3 paragraph (1) to carry out the purposes of this  
4 Act through activities such as the following:

5                   “(i) Conferring grants, scholarships,  
6 or loans.

7                   “(ii) Financing work-study student  
8 employment.

9                   “(iii) Carrying out activities author-  
10 ized under chapters 1 and 2 of subpart 2  
11 of part A.

12           “(E) The eligible lender is subject to public  
13 oversight through either a State charter, or not  
14 less than 50 percent of the lender’s board of di-  
15 rectors consists of State appointed representa-  
16 tives.

17           “(F) The eligible lender does not engage in  
18 the marketing of the relative value of programs  
19 under this part as compared to programs under  
20 part D, nor does the lender engage in the mar-  
21 keting of loans or programs offered by for-prof-  
22 it lenders. This subparagraph shall not be con-  
23 strued to prohibit the eligible lender from con-  
24 ferring basic information on lenders under this



1 part and the related benefits offered by such  
2 lenders.”.

3 **SEC. 110. SUPPORT FOR WORKING STUDENTS.**

4 (a) **DEPENDENT STUDENTS.**—Section 475(g)(2) of  
5 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
6 1087oo(g)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (D)  
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(D) \$9,000;”.

9 (b) **INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-**  
10 **ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.**—Section 476(b)(1)(A) of  
11 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
12 1087pp(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking clause (iv) and  
13 inserting the following:

14 “(iv) \$13,000;”.

15 (c) **INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS**  
16 **OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.**—Section 477(b) of the Higher  
17 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087qq(b)) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) in paragraph (1)—

20 (A) by striking subparagraph (D) and in-  
21 serting the following:

22 “(D) \$18,000;”; and

23 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
24 “paragraph (5)” and inserting “paragraph  
25 (4)”;

1           (2) by striking paragraph (4); and

2           (3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-  
3 graph (4).

4           (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 478 of the  
5 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087rr) is  
6 amended—

7           (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
8 following:

9           “(b) INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE.—For each  
10 academic year after academic year 1993–1994, the Sec-  
11 retary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table  
12 of income protection allowances for the purpose of section  
13 475(c)(4). Such revised table shall be developed by in-  
14 creasing each of the dollar amounts contained in the table  
15 in such section by a percentage equal to the estimated per-  
16 centage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as deter-  
17 mined by the Secretary) between December 1992 and the  
18 December next preceding the beginning of such academic  
19 year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”; and

20           (2) in subsection (h)—

21           (A) in the first sentence, by striking  
22 “477(b)(5)” and inserting “477(b)(4)”; and

23           (B) in the second sentence—

24           (i) by striking “477(b)(5)(A)” and in-  
25 serting “477(b)(4)(A)”; and

1 (ii) by striking “477(b)(5)(B)” and  
2 inserting “477(b)(4)(B)”.

3 **SEC. 111. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.**

4 Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
5 U.S.C. 1091) is amended by striking subsection (r).

6 **SEC. 112. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS LEVELS**  
7 **FOR CAMPUS-BASED AID.**

8 (a) FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OP-  
9 PORTUNITY GRANTS.—Section 413A(b)(1) of the Higher  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070b(b)(1)) is amend-  
11 ed by striking “\$675,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and  
12 such sums as may be necessary for the 4 succeeding fiscal  
13 years” and inserting “\$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2006  
14 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 suc-  
15 ceeding fiscal years”.

16 (b) FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS.—Section  
17 441(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.  
18 2751(b)) is amended by striking “\$1,000,000,000 for fis-  
19 cal year 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each  
20 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
21 “\$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as  
22 may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal  
23 years”.

24 (c) FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS.—Section 461(b)(1)  
25 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

1 1087aa(b)(1)) is amended by striking “\$250,000,000 for  
 2 fiscal year 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for  
 3 each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
 4 “\$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may  
 5 be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

6 **SEC. 113. SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WHOSE FAM-**  
 7 **ILIES ARE ENGAGED IN MIGRANT AND SEA-**  
 8 **SONAL FARMWORK.**

9 Section 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
 10 (20 U.S.C. 1070d–2) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (f)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 13 “\$150,000” and inserting “\$225,000”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking  
 15 “\$150,000” and inserting “\$225,000”; and

16 (2) in subsection (h)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by striking “\$15,000,000” and in-  
 19 serting “\$40,000,000”;

20 (ii) by striking “1999” and inserting  
 21 “2006”; and

22 (iii) by striking “4” and inserting  
 23 “5”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (2)—

- 1 (i) by striking “\$5,000,000” and in-  
2 serting “\$30,000,000”;  
3 (ii) by striking “1999” and inserting  
4 “2006”; and  
5 (iii) by striking “4” and inserting  
6 “5”.

7 **SEC. 114. LOAN FORGIVENESS AND CANCELLATION FOR**  
8 **CERTAIN TEACHERS.**

9 (a) FFEL LOANS.—Section 428J of the Higher Edu-  
10 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (c)(3)—

12 (A) in the heading, by striking “OR SPE-  
13 CIAL EDUCATION” and inserting “SPECIAL EDU-  
14 CATION, OR BILINGUAL EDUCATION”;

15 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
16 (A), by striking “\$17,500” and inserting  
17 “\$23,000”; and

18 (C) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking  
19 “or science” and inserting “science, or bilingual  
20 education”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(i) EARLY EDUCATION TEACHERS.—

23 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall  
24 carry out a program, through the holder of the loan,  
25 of assuming the obligation to repay a qualified loan

1 amount for a loan made under section 428 or 428H,  
2 in accordance with paragraph (2), for any new bor-  
3 rower on or after October 1, 1998, who—

4 “(A) has been employed as a full-time  
5 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years  
6 in a Head Start or Early Head Start program  
7 under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et  
8 seq.), or in another comparable prekindergarten  
9 program that serves children not less than 60  
10 percent of whom are eligible to participate in a  
11 Head Start or Early Head Start program; and

12 “(B) is not in default on a loan for which  
13 the borrower seeks forgiveness.

14 “(2) QUALIFIED LOAN AMOUNT.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
16 repay not more than \$15,000 in the aggregate  
17 of the loan obligation on a loan made under  
18 section 428 or 428H that is outstanding after  
19 the completion of the fifth complete school year  
20 of teaching described in paragraph (1)(A).

21 “(B) TREATMENT OF CONSOLIDATION  
22 LOANS.—A loan amount for a loan made under  
23 section 428C may be a qualified loan amount  
24 for the purposes of this paragraph only to the  
25 extent that such loan amount was used to repay

1 a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a Federal Di-  
 2 rect Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or a loan  
 3 made under section 428 or 428H for a bor-  
 4 rower who meets the requirements of paragraph  
 5 (1), as determined in accordance with regula-  
 6 tions prescribed by the Secretary.”.

7 (b) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 460 of the Higher Edu-  
 8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (c)(3)—

10 (A) in the heading, by striking “OR SPE-  
 11 CIAL EDUCATION” and inserting “SPECIAL EDU-  
 12 CATION, OR BILINGUAL EDUCATION”;

13 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
 14 (A), by striking “\$17,500” and inserting  
 15 “\$23,000”; and

16 (C) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking  
 17 “or science” and inserting “science, or bilingual  
 18 education”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(i) EARLY EDUCATION TEACHERS.—

21 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall  
 22 carry out a program of canceling the obligation to  
 23 repay a qualified loan amount in accordance with  
 24 paragraph (2) for Federal Direct Stafford Loans  
 25 and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

1 made under this part for any new borrower on or  
2 after October 1, 1998, who—

3 “(A) has been employed as a full-time  
4 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years  
5 in a Head Start or Early Head Start program  
6 under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et  
7 seq.), or in another comparable prekindergarten  
8 program that serves children not less than 60  
9 percent of whom are eligible to participate in a  
10 Head Start or Early Head Start program; and

11 “(B) is not in default on a loan for which  
12 the borrower seeks cancellation.

13 “(2) QUALIFIED LOAN AMOUNT.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
15 cancel not more than \$15,000 in the aggregate  
16 of the loan obligation on a Federal Direct Staf-  
17 ford Loan or a Federal Direct Unsubsidized  
18 Stafford Loan that is outstanding after the  
19 completion of the fifth complete school year of  
20 teaching described in paragraph (1)(A).

21 “(B) TREATMENT OF CONSOLIDATION  
22 LOANS.—A loan amount for a Federal Direct  
23 Consolidation Loan may be a qualified loan  
24 amount for the purposes of this paragraph only  
25 to the extent that such loan amount was used



1 to repay a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a  
2 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or  
3 a loan made under section 428 or 428H for a  
4 borrower who meets the requirements of para-  
5 graph (1), as determined in accordance with  
6 regulations prescribed by the Secretary.”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section shall apply only with respect to eligi-  
9 bles who are new borrowers on or after October 1, 1998.

10 **SEC. 115. REVISION OF TAX TABLE.**

11 Section 478(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
12 (20 U.S.C. 1087rr(g)) is amended by adding at the end  
13 the following: “The Secretary shall develop such revised  
14 table only after consultation with appropriate committees  
15 of Congress.”.

16 **SEC. 116. INCOME CONTINGENT REPAYMENT FOR PUBLIC**  
17 **SECTOR EMPLOYEES.**

18 Section 455(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
19 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(e)) is amended by adding at the end  
20 the following:

21 “(7) REPAYMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC SECTOR  
22 EMPLOYEES.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
24 forgive the balance due on any loan made under  
25 this part for a borrower—

1                   “(i) who has made 120 payments on  
2                   such loan pursuant to income contingent  
3                   repayment; and

4                   “(ii) who is employed, and was em-  
5                   ployed for the 10-year period in which the  
6                   borrower made the 120 payments de-  
7                   scribed in clause (i), in a public sector job.

8                   “(B) PUBLIC SECTOR JOB.—In this para-  
9                   graph, the term ‘public sector job’ means a full-  
10                  time job in emergency management, govern-  
11                  ment, public safety, law enforcement, public  
12                  health, education (including early childhood  
13                  education), or public interest legal services (in-  
14                  cluding prosecution or public defense).

15                  “(8) RETURN TO STANDARD REPAYMENT.—A  
16                  borrower who is repaying a loan made under this  
17                  part pursuant to income contingent repayment may  
18                  choose, at any time, to terminate repayment pursu-  
19                  ant to income contingent repayment and repay such  
20                  loan under the standard repayment plan.”.

## 21                  **TITLE II—TEACHER QUALITY** 22                  **ENHANCEMENT**

### 23                  **SEC. 201. AMENDMENT TO TITLE II.**

24                  Title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
25                  U.S.C. 1021 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

1    **“TITLE II—TEACHER QUALITY**  
2                   **ENHANCEMENT**

3    **“PART A—TEACHER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT**  
4           **GRANTS FOR STATES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

5    **“SEC. 201. PURPOSES; DEFINITIONS.**

6           “(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this part are to—

7                   “(1) improve student achievement;

8                   “(2) increase the size and scope of programs  
9           funded under this part to meet the goal of having  
10           100 percent of teachers as highly qualified teachers;

11                   “(3) retain and recruit highly qualified individ-  
12           uals into the teaching force through incentives;

13                   “(4) hold institutions of higher education ac-  
14           countable for preparing teachers, through  
15           coursework in pedagogy, with effective methods of  
16           teaching as a means of better preparing teachers for  
17           the modern day classroom;

18                   “(5) improve the quality of the current and fu-  
19           ture teaching force by improving the preparation of  
20           prospective teachers and enhancing professional de-  
21           velopment activities;

22                   “(6) hold institutions of higher education ac-  
23           countable for preparing teachers who have the nec-  
24           essary teaching skills and are highly competent in  
25           the academic content areas in which the teachers

1 plan to teach, such as mathematics, science, English,  
2 reading or language arts, foreign languages, history,  
3 economics, art, civics, Government, and geography,  
4 including training in the effective uses of technology  
5 in the classroom;

6 “(7) recruit highly qualified individuals, includ-  
7 ing individuals from other occupations, into the  
8 teaching force, especially in subject areas of high  
9 need (including bilingual education, special edu-  
10 cation, mathematics, science, and early childhood  
11 education), geographic areas of high need, and in ge-  
12 ographic areas with teacher vacancy or retention  
13 problems; and

14 “(8) encourage learning partnerships between  
15 students and parents that lead to improving student  
16 academic achievement and school performance.

17 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this part:

18 “(1) ARTS AND SCIENCES.—The term ‘arts and  
19 sciences’ means—

20 “(A) when referring to an organizational  
21 unit of an institution of higher education, any  
22 academic unit that offers 1 or more academic  
23 majors in disciplines or content areas cor-  
24 responding to the academic subject matter  
25 areas in which teachers provide instruction; and

1           “(B) when referring to a specific academic  
2           subject matter area, the disciplines or content  
3           areas in which academic majors are offered by  
4           the arts and sciences organizational unit.

5           “(2) HIGH NEED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-  
6           CY.—The term ‘high need local educational agency’  
7           means a local educational agency that serves an  
8           early childhood education program, elementary  
9           school, or secondary school located in an area in  
10          which—

11           “(A)(i) 15 percent or more of the students  
12           served by the agency are from families with in-  
13           comes below the poverty line;

14           “(ii) there are more than 5,000 students  
15           served by the agency from families with in-  
16           comes below the poverty line; or

17           “(iii) there are less than 600 students in  
18           average daily attendance in all the schools that  
19           are served by the agency and all of whose  
20           schools are designated with a school locale code  
21           of 7 or 8, as determined by the Secretary; and

22           “(B)(i) there is a high percentage of teach-  
23           ers who are not highly qualified; or

24           “(ii) there is a chronic shortage, or high  
25           turnover rate, of highly qualified teachers.

1           “(3) HIGH NEED SCHOOL.—The term ‘high  
2 need school’ means an elementary school or sec-  
3 ondary school—

4           “(A) in which there is a high concentration  
5 of students from families with incomes below  
6 the poverty line; or

7           “(B) that is identified as in need of school  
8 improvement or corrective action pursuant to  
9 section 1116 of the Elementary and Secondary  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6316).

11          “(4) HIGHLY QUALIFIED.—The term ‘highly  
12 qualified’ has the meaning given the term in section  
13 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education  
14 Act of 1965.

15          “(5) PARENT.—The term ‘parent’ has the  
16 meaning given the term in section 9101 of the Ele-  
17 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

18          “(6) PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.—The term ‘pa-  
19 rental involvement’ has the meaning given the term  
20 in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary  
21 Education Act of 1965.

22          “(7) POVERTY LINE.—The term ‘poverty line’  
23 means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of  
24 Management and Budget, and revised annually in  
25 accordance with section 673(2) of the Community

1 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))) ap-  
2 plicable to a family of the size involved.

3 “(8) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—The  
4 term ‘professional development’ has the meaning  
5 given the term in section 9101 of the Elementary  
6 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

7 “(9) TEACHING SKILLS.—The term ‘teaching  
8 skills’ means skills—

9 “(A) grounded in the disciplines of teach-  
10 ing and learning that teachers use to create ef-  
11 fective instruction in subject matter content and  
12 that lead to student achievement and the ability  
13 to apply knowledge; and

14 “(B) that require an understanding of the  
15 learning process itself, including an under-  
16 standing of—

17 “(i) the use of strategies specific to  
18 the subject matter;

19 “(ii) the application of ongoing assess-  
20 ment of student learning;

21 “(iii) individual differences in ability  
22 and instructional needs; and

23 “(iv) effective classroom management.

1 **“SEC. 202. PROGRAM AUTHORITY.**

2 “(a) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.—If the  
3 amount appropriated to carry out this part for a fiscal  
4 year is less than \$270,000,000, then the Secretary shall  
5 use—

6 “(1) 25 percent of such funds to carry out the  
7 competitive State grant program under section 203;  
8 and

9 “(2) 75 percent of such funds to carry out the  
10 competitive partnership grant program under section  
11 204.

12 “(b) FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

14 “(A) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS.—If the  
15 amount appropriated to carry out this part for  
16 a fiscal year is equal to or exceeds  
17 \$270,000,000, then the Secretary shall use  
18 such funds to award a grant to each State from  
19 allotments under subparagraph (B).

20 “(B) ALLOTMENTS.—The Secretary shall  
21 make an allotment to each State in an amount  
22 that bears the same relation to the funds as the  
23 amount the State received under part A of title  
24 I of the Elementary and Secondary Education  
25 Act of 1965 for the preceding fiscal year bears



1 to the amount received by all States under such  
2 part for the preceding fiscal year.

3 “(2) STATE USE OF FUNDS.—A State that re-  
4 ceives an allotment under paragraph (1) shall ex-  
5 pend—

6 “(A) 25 percent of such funds to carry out  
7 State level activities under subsections (d) and  
8 (e) of section 203; and

9 “(B) 75 percent of such funds to carry out  
10 the competitive partnership grant program  
11 under section 204.

12 **“SEC. 203. STATE GRANTS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made available  
14 under section 210 for a fiscal year, the Secretary is au-  
15 thorized to award grants under this section, on a competi-  
16 tive basis, to eligible States to enable the eligible States  
17 to carry out the activities described in subsections (d) and  
18 (e).

19 “(b) ELIGIBLE STATE.—

20 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this part, the term ‘eligi-  
21 ble State’ means a State educational agency.

22 “(2) CONSULTATION.—The State educational  
23 agency shall consult with the Governor, State board  
24 of education, or State agency for higher education,

1 as appropriate, with respect to the activities assisted  
2 under this section.

3 “(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
4 section shall be construed to negate or supersede the  
5 legal authority under State law of any State agency,  
6 State entity, or State public official over programs  
7 that are under the jurisdiction of the agency, entity,  
8 or official.

9 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
10 under this section, an eligible State shall, at the time of  
11 the initial grant application, submit an application to the  
12 Secretary that—

13 “(1) meets the requirement of this section;

14 “(2) includes a description of how the eligible  
15 State intends to use funds provided under this sec-  
16 tion; and

17 “(3) contains such other information and assur-  
18 ances as the Secretary may require.

19 “(d) REQUIRED USES OF FUNDS.—A State that re-  
20 ceives a grant under this section shall use the grant funds  
21 to carry out the following activities:

22 “(1) RIGOROUS TEACHER CERTIFICATION OR  
23 LICENSURE PROGRAMS.—Ensuring that the State’s  
24 teacher certification or licensure program is rigorous  
25 and has high standards.

1           “(2) TEACHER RECRUITMENT.—

2                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Awarding scholarships  
3 to help students pay the costs of tuition, room,  
4 board, and other expenses of completing a  
5 teacher preparation program.

6                   “(B) SUPPORT SERVICES.—Providing sup-  
7 port services, if needed, to enable scholarship  
8 recipients to complete postsecondary education  
9 programs.

10                   “(C) ASSISTANCE TO BECOME HIGHLY  
11 QUALIFIED TEACHERS.—Providing teachers  
12 who are not highly qualified with the oppor-  
13 tunity to take coursework or credentialing  
14 courses in order to become highly qualified  
15 teachers.

16                   “(D) FOLLOWUP SERVICES.—Providing  
17 followup services to former scholarship recipi-  
18 ents during the recipient’s first 3 years of  
19 teaching.

20                   “(E) SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-  
21 retary shall establish such requirements as the  
22 Secretary finds necessary to ensure that recipi-  
23 ents of scholarships under this paragraph who  
24 complete teacher education programs subse-  
25 quently teach in a high need local educational

1           agency, for a period of time equivalent to the  
2           period for which the recipients receive scholar-  
3           ship assistance, or repay the amount of the  
4           scholarship. The Secretary shall use any such  
5           repayments to carry out additional activities  
6           under this section.

7           “(e) ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS.—A State that re-  
8           ceives a grant under this section may use such funds to  
9           carry out any of the following activities:

10           “(1) REFORMS.—Implementing reforms that  
11           hold institutions of higher education with teacher  
12           preparation programs accountable for preparing  
13           teachers who are highly competent in the academic  
14           content areas in which the teachers plan to teach,  
15           and possess strong teaching skills, which may in-  
16           clude the use of rigorous subject matter competency  
17           tests and the requirement that a teacher have an  
18           academic major in the subject area, or related dis-  
19           cipline, in which the teacher plans to teach, and in-  
20           struction for such teachers on how to involve parents  
21           in their children’s education.

22           “(2) CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE REQUIRE-  
23           MENTS.—Reforming teacher certification or licen-  
24           sure requirements to ensure that teachers have the  
25           necessary teaching skills and academic content

1 knowledge in the subject areas in which teachers are  
2 assigned to teach. States are encouraged to use  
3 funds to develop or enhance existing licensure and  
4 certification requirements for subject areas of high  
5 need (including bilingual education, special edu-  
6 cation, mathematics, science, and early childhood  
7 education), including development of a State test.

8 “(3) ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO CERTIFICATION  
9 FOR TEACHING.—Providing prospective teachers  
10 with alternative routes to traditional preparation for  
11 teaching through programs at colleges of arts and  
12 sciences or at nonprofit educational organizations  
13 that have a proven record of effectiveness and in-  
14 clude instruction in teaching skills. Strengthening or  
15 developing alternative routes to State certification of  
16 teachers’ programs that includes, at a minimum—

17 “(A) a selective means for admitting indi-  
18 viduals into such programs that includes pas-  
19 sage of State teacher exams in appropriate sub-  
20 ject areas;

21 “(B) pedagogical coursework, including  
22 formal instruction that addresses the theories  
23 and practices of teaching and monitoring stu-  
24 dent performance; and

1           “(C) support services, including mentoring  
2 for the individuals participating in the alter-  
3 native State certification of teachers’ programs  
4 that focuses on—

5                   “(i) helping the individuals develop ef-  
6 fective teaching skills and strategies;

7                   “(ii) professional development; and

8                   “(iii) the disciplines of teaching and  
9 learning to ensure that prospective teach-  
10 ers have an understanding of research-  
11 based learning practices and possess skills  
12 related to the learning process.

13           “(4) TEACHER SUPPORT.—Carrying out pro-  
14 grams that include support during the initial teach-  
15 ing experience.

16           “(5) RECRUITING AND HIRING TEACHERS.—

17                   “(A) EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS.—Devel-  
18 oping and implementing effective mechanisms  
19 to ensure that local educational agencies and  
20 schools are able to effectively recruit highly  
21 qualified teachers.

22                   “(B) PROGRAMS.—Establishing programs  
23 that—

24                   “(i) train and hire regular, special  
25 education, and bilingual education teachers

1 (which may include hiring special edu-  
2 cation teachers to team-teach in classrooms  
3 that contain both children with disabilities  
4 and nondisabled children);

5 “(ii) train and hire highly qualified  
6 teachers of special needs children and lim-  
7 ited English proficient students, as well as  
8 teaching specialists in core academic sub-  
9 jects who will provide individualized in-  
10 struction to students;

11 “(iii) recruit qualified professionals  
12 from other fields, including highly qualified  
13 paraprofessionals (as defined in section  
14 2102 of the Elementary and Secondary  
15 Education Act of 1965), and provide such  
16 professionals with alternative routes to  
17 teacher certification, including developing  
18 and implementing hiring policies that en-  
19 sure comprehensive recruitment efforts as  
20 a way to expand the applicant pool, such  
21 as through identifying teachers certified  
22 through alternative routes, and using a  
23 system of intensive screening designed to  
24 hire the most qualified applicants; and

1                   “(iv) provide increased opportunities  
2                   for minorities, individuals with disabilities,  
3                   and other individuals underrepresented in  
4                   the teaching profession.

5                   “(C) REDUCTION IN CLASS SIZE.—Recruit-  
6                   ing and hiring highly qualified teachers to re-  
7                   duce class size, particularly in the early grades.

8                   “(6) SOCIAL PROMOTION.—Development and  
9                   implementation of efforts to address the problem of  
10                  social promotion and to prepare teachers to effec-  
11                  tively address the issues raised by ending the prac-  
12                  tice of social promotion.

13                  “(7) SPECIAL CERTIFICATION FOR PROSPEC-  
14                  TIVE AP TEACHERS.—Developing and implementing  
15                  teacher preparation programs that provide special  
16                  certification in advanced placement (AP)-level or  
17                  international baccalaureate (IB)-level content and  
18                  pedagogy, including undergraduate specializations in  
19                  in-depth study of subject-specific content and prac-  
20                  tical pedagogical experience through student teach-  
21                  ing, and master degree level programs that lead to  
22                  a master’s degree in AP-level or IB-level content.

23                  “(8) FINANCIAL INCENTIVES.—Providing finan-  
24                  cial incentives for teachers to teach in high need



1 schools in which there exists a shortage of highly  
2 qualified teachers.

3 **“SEC. 204. PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.**

4 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary or State, as appro-  
5 priate, shall use funds made available under section 202  
6 to award grants under this section, on a competitive basis,  
7 to eligible partnerships to enable the eligible partnerships  
8 to carry out the activities described in subsections (d) and  
9 (e).

10 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—

11 “(1) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS.—In this part,  
12 the term ‘eligible partnerships’ means an entity  
13 that—

14 “(A) shall include—

15 “(i) a partner institution;

16 “(ii) a school of arts and sciences; and

17 “(iii) a high need local educational  
18 agency; and

19 “(B) may include a Governor, State edu-  
20 cational agency, the State board of education,  
21 the State agency for higher education, an insti-  
22 tution of higher education not described in sub-  
23 paragraph (A), a community college, a public  
24 charter school, a public or private elementary  
25 school or secondary school, a public or private

1 nonprofit educational organization, a business,  
2 a teacher organization, or a prekindergarten  
3 program.

4 “(2) PARTNER INSTITUTION.—In this section,  
5 the term ‘partner institution’ means a private inde-  
6 pendent or State-supported public institution of  
7 higher education, the teacher training program of  
8 which demonstrates that—

9 “(A) graduates from the teacher training  
10 program exhibit strong performance on State-  
11 determined qualifying assessments for new  
12 teachers through—

13 “(i) demonstrating that 80 percent or  
14 more of the graduates of the program who  
15 intend to enter the field of teaching have  
16 passed all of the applicable State qualifica-  
17 tion assessments for new teachers, which  
18 shall include an assessment of each pro-  
19 spective teacher’s subject matter knowledge  
20 in the content area or areas in which the  
21 teacher intends to teach; or

22 “(ii) being ranked among the highest-  
23 performing teacher preparation programs  
24 in the State as determined by the State—

1                   “(I) using criteria consistent with  
2                   the requirements for the State report  
3                   card under section 207(b); and

4                   “(II) using the State report card  
5                   on teacher preparation required under  
6                   section 207(b), after the first publica-  
7                   tion of such report card and for every  
8                   year thereafter; or

9                   “(B) the teacher training program requires  
10                  all the students of the program to participate in  
11                  intensive clinical experience, to meet high aca-  
12                  demic standards, and—

13                  “(i) in the case of secondary school  
14                  candidates, to successfully complete an  
15                  academic major in the subject area in  
16                  which the candidate intends to teach or to  
17                  demonstrate competence through a high  
18                  level of performance in relevant content  
19                  areas; and

20                  “(ii) in the case of elementary school  
21                  candidates, to successfully complete an  
22                  academic major in the arts and sciences or  
23                  to demonstrate competence through a high  
24                  level of performance in core academic sub-  
25                  ject areas.

1       “(c) APPLICATION.—Each eligible partnership desir-  
2 ing a grant under this section shall submit an application  
3 to the Secretary or State, as appropriate, at such time,  
4 in such manner, and accompanied by such information as  
5 the Secretary or State, as appropriate, may require. Each  
6 such application shall—

7           “(1) contain a needs assessment of all the part-  
8 ners with respect to teaching and learning and a de-  
9 scription of how the partnership will coordinate with  
10 other teacher training or professional development  
11 programs, and how the activities of the partnership  
12 will be consistent with State, local, and other edu-  
13 cation reform activities that promote student  
14 achievement and parent involvement;

15           “(2) contain a resource assessment that de-  
16 scribes the resources available to the partnership,  
17 the intended use of the grant funds, including a de-  
18 scription of how the grant funds will be fairly dis-  
19 tributed in accordance with subsection (f), and the  
20 commitment of the resources of the partnership to  
21 the activities assisted under this part, including fi-  
22 nancial support, faculty participation, time commit-  
23 ments, and continuation of the activities when the  
24 grant ends; and

25           “(3) contain a description of—

1           “(A) how the partnership will meet the  
2 purposes of this part;

3           “(B) how the partnership will carry out  
4 the activities required under subsection (d) and  
5 any permissible activities under subsection (e);  
6 and

7           “(C) the partnership’s evaluation plan pur-  
8 suant to section 206(b).

9           “(d) REQUIRED USES OF FUNDS.—An eligible part-  
10 nership that receives a grant under this section shall use  
11 the grant funds to carry out the following activities:

12           “(1) REFORMS.—Implementing reforms within  
13 teacher preparation programs to hold the programs  
14 accountable for preparing teachers who are highly  
15 competent in the academic content areas in which  
16 the teachers plan to teach, and for promoting strong  
17 teaching skills, including working with a school of  
18 arts and sciences and integrating reliable research-  
19 based teaching methods into the curriculum, which  
20 curriculum shall include programs designed to suc-  
21 cessfully integrate technology into teaching and  
22 learning.

23           “(2) CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND INTER-  
24 ACTION.—Providing sustained and high-quality  
25 preservice clinical experience, including the men-

1 toring of prospective teachers by veteran teachers,  
2 and substantially increasing interaction between fac-  
3 ulty at institutions of higher education and new and  
4 experienced teachers, principals, and other adminis-  
5 trators at elementary schools or secondary schools,  
6 and providing support, including preparation time,  
7 for such interaction.

8 “(3) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—Creating  
9 opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional  
10 development that improves the academic content  
11 knowledge of teachers in the subject areas in which  
12 the teachers are certified to teach or in which the  
13 teachers are working toward certification to teach,  
14 and that promotes strong teaching skills.

15 “(4) ENSURING ADEQUATE PREPARATION TO  
16 MEET HIGH STANDARDS.—Developing and imple-  
17 menting accountability measures for preservice—

18 “(A) training in reading;

19 “(B) training in addressing the needs of  
20 children with disabilities and limited English  
21 proficient individuals;

22 “(C) training in data analysis and how to  
23 use student achievement data to improve in-  
24 struction; and

1           “(D) optional training in teaching ad-  
2           vanced placement or international baccalaureate  
3           courses.

4           “(5) TEACHER PREPARATION AND PARENTAL  
5           INVOLVEMENT.—Preparing teachers with the knowl-  
6           edge and skills to enable such teachers to—

7                   “(A) provide instruction to diverse student  
8                   populations, including individuals with disabil-  
9                   ities and limited English proficient individuals;  
10                  and

11                   “(B) work with and involve parents in  
12                   their children’s education and in the teacher  
13                   preparation program reform process.

14           “(6) TEACHER PREPARATION ENHANCEMENT  
15           INTERNSHIP.—Developing a 1-year paid internship  
16           program for students who have completed a 4-year  
17           teacher education program to enable such students  
18           to develop the skills and experience necessary for  
19           success in teaching, including providing intensive  
20           clinical training and combining in-service instruction  
21           in teacher methods and assessments with classroom  
22           observations, experiences, and practices. Such in-  
23           terns would have a reduced teaching load and a  
24           mentor for assistance in the classroom.

1       “(e) ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS.—An eligible  
2 partnership that receives a grant under this section may  
3 use such funds to carry out any of the following activities:

4           “(1) DISSEMINATION AND COORDINATION.—  
5       Broadly disseminating information on effective prac-  
6 tices used by the partnership, and coordinating with  
7 the activities of the Governor, State board of edu-  
8 cation, State higher education agency, and State  
9 educational agency, as appropriate.

10          “(2) MANAGERIAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS.—  
11       Developing and implementing proven mechanisms to  
12 provide principals and superintendents with effective  
13 managerial and leadership skills that result in in-  
14 creased student achievement.

15          “(3) SCHOLARSHIPS.—

16           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Awarding scholarships  
17 to help students pay the costs of tuition, room,  
18 board, and other expenses of completing a  
19 teacher preparation program.

20           “(B) SUPPORT SERVICES.—Providing sup-  
21 port services, if needed, to enable scholarship  
22 recipients to complete postsecondary education  
23 programs.

24           “(C) ASSISTANCE TO BECOME HIGHLY  
25 QUALIFIED TEACHERS.—Providing teachers



1 who are not highly qualified with the oppor-  
2 tunity to take coursework or credentialing  
3 courses in order to become highly qualified  
4 teachers.

5 “(D) FOLLOWUP SERVICES.—Providing  
6 followup services to former scholarship recipi-  
7 ents during the recipient’s first 3 years of  
8 teaching.

9 “(E) SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-  
10 retary or State, as appropriate, shall establish  
11 such requirements as the Secretary or State, as  
12 appropriate, finds necessary to ensure that re-  
13 cipients of scholarships under this paragraph  
14 who complete teacher education programs sub-  
15 sequently teach in a high need local educational  
16 agency, for a period of time equivalent to the  
17 period for which the recipients receive scholar-  
18 ship assistance, or repay the amount of the  
19 scholarship. The Secretary or State, as appro-  
20 priate, shall use any such repayments to carry  
21 out additional activities under this section.

22 “(4) FINANCIAL INCENTIVES.—Providing finan-  
23 cial incentives for teachers to teach in high need  
24 schools in which there exists a shortage of highly  
25 qualified teachers.

1 “(5) RECRUITING AND HIRING TEACHERS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Establishing programs  
3 that—

4 “(i) train and hire regular and special  
5 education teachers (which may include hir-  
6 ing special education teachers to team-  
7 teach in classrooms that contain both chil-  
8 dren with disabilities and nondisabled chil-  
9 dren);

10 “(ii) train and hire highly qualified  
11 teachers of special needs children, as well  
12 as teaching specialists in core academic  
13 subjects who will provide increased individ-  
14 ualized instruction to students;

15 “(iii) recruit qualified professionals  
16 from other fields, including highly qualified  
17 paraprofessionals (as defined in section  
18 2102 of the Elementary and Secondary  
19 Education Act of 1965), and provide such  
20 professionals with alternative routes to  
21 teacher certification, including developing  
22 and implementing hiring policies that en-  
23 sure comprehensive recruitment efforts as  
24 a way to expand the applicant pool, such  
25 as through identifying teachers certified

1 through alternative routes, and using a  
2 system of intensive screening designed to  
3 hire the most qualified applicants; and

4 “(iv) provide increased opportunities  
5 for minorities, individuals with disabilities,  
6 and other individuals underrepresented in  
7 the teaching profession.

8 “(B) REDUCTION IN CLASS SIZE.—Re-  
9 cruiting and hiring highly qualified teachers to  
10 reduce class size, particularly in the early  
11 grades.

12 “(6) FACULTY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS.—  
13 Awarding competitive grants to institutions of high-  
14 er education to enable such institutions to fill edu-  
15 cation faculty vacancies in special education, early  
16 childhood education, and bilingual education, to cre-  
17 ate new faculty positions that are targeted toward  
18 training highly qualified special education, early  
19 childhood education, and bilingual education teach-  
20 ers, and to develop doctoral programs in special edu-  
21 cation, early childhood education, and bilingual edu-  
22 cation that will produce new faculty at institutions  
23 of higher education in such subject areas. Funds  
24 from such grants may be used to develop and carry  
25 out recruitment strategies, subsidize moving ex-

1       penses, provide bonuses, provide fully subsidized sal-  
 2       aries for not more than 2 years per new faculty  
 3       member, and provide partially subsidized salaries for  
 4       not more than an additional 3 years per new faculty  
 5       member. If an institution of higher education re-  
 6       ceives a grant under this paragraph and uses the  
 7       grant funds to provide faculty salaries, such institu-  
 8       tion shall continue to fully fund such faculty posi-  
 9       tions for not less than 5 years after the end of Fed-  
 10      eral funding under the grant.

11       “(f) SPECIAL RULE.—No individual member of an el-  
 12      igible partnership shall retain more than 50 percent of the  
 13      funds made available to the partnership under this section.

14       “(g) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall  
 15      be construed to prohibit an eligible partnership from using  
 16      grant funds to coordinate with the activities of more than  
 17      1 Governor, State board of education, State educational  
 18      agency, local educational agency, or State agency for high-  
 19      er education.

20      **“SEC. 205. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

21       “(a) DURATION; INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY; PAY-  
 22      MENTS.—

23               “(1) DURATION.—

24                       “(A) ELIGIBLE STATES AND ELIGIBLE AP-  
 25                      PLICANTS.—Grants awarded to eligible States

1 and eligible applicants under this part shall be  
2 awarded for a period not to exceed 3 years.

3 “(B) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS.—Grants  
4 awarded to eligible partnerships under this part  
5 shall be awarded for a period of 5 years.

6 “(2) INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY.—An eligible  
7 State, eligible applicant, or eligible partnership that  
8 receives more than 1 grant under this part has an  
9 increased accountability to disseminate information  
10 gained from such grants to States and local edu-  
11 cational agencies.

12 “(3) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall make  
13 annual payments of grant funds awarded under this  
14 part.

15 “(b) PEER REVIEW.—

16 “(1) PANEL.—The Secretary shall provide the  
17 applications submitted under this part to a peer re-  
18 view panel for evaluation. With respect to each ap-  
19 plication, the peer review panel shall initially rec-  
20 ommend the application for funding or for dis-  
21 approval.

22 “(2) PRIORITY.—In recommending applications  
23 to the Secretary for funding under this part, the  
24 panel shall—

1           “(A) with respect to grants under section  
2           203, give priority to eligible States serving  
3           States that—

4                   “(i) have initiatives to reform State  
5                   teacher certification requirements that are  
6                   designed to ensure that current and future  
7                   teachers possess the necessary teaching  
8                   skills and academic content knowledge in  
9                   the subject areas in which the teachers are  
10                  certified or licensed to teach;

11                   “(ii) include innovative reforms to  
12                   hold institutions of higher education with  
13                   teacher preparation programs accountable  
14                   for preparing teachers who are highly com-  
15                   petent in the academic content area in  
16                   which the teachers plan to teach and have  
17                   strong teaching skills; or

18                   “(iii) involve the development of inno-  
19                   vative efforts aimed at reducing the short-  
20                   age of highly qualified teachers in high  
21                   poverty urban and rural areas, and in sub-  
22                   ject areas of high need (including bilingual  
23                   education, special education, mathematics,  
24                   science, early childhood education, and vo-  
25                   cational education); and

1           “(B) with respect to grants under section  
2           204—

3                   “(i) give priority to applications from  
4                   eligible partnerships that involve busi-  
5                   nesses; and

6                   “(ii) take into consideration—

7                           “(I) providing an equitable geo-  
8                           graphic distribution of the grants  
9                           throughout the United States; and

10                           “(II) the potential of the pro-  
11                           posed activities for creating improve-  
12                           ment and positive change.

13                   “(3) SECRETARIAL SELECTION.—The Secretary  
14                   shall determine, based on the peer review process,  
15                   which application shall receive funding and the  
16                   amounts of the grants. In determining grant  
17                   amounts, the Secretary shall take into account the  
18                   total amount of funds available for all grants under  
19                   this part and the types of activities proposed to be  
20                   carried out.

21                   “(c) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—

22                           “(1) STATE GRANTS.—Each eligible State re-  
23                           ceiving a grant under section 203 shall provide, from  
24                           non-Federal sources, an amount equal to 50 percent

1 of the amount of the grant (in cash or in kind) to  
2 carry out the activities supported by the grant.

3 “(2) PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.—Each eligible  
4 partnership receiving a grant under section 204  
5 shall provide, from non-Federal sources (in cash or  
6 in kind), an amount equal to 25 percent of the grant  
7 for the first year of the grant, 35 percent of the  
8 grant for the second year of the grant, and 50 per-  
9 cent of the grant for each succeeding year of the  
10 grant.

11 “(d) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—  
12 An eligible State or eligible partnership that receives a  
13 grant under this part may not use more than 2 percent  
14 of the grant funds for purposes of administering the grant.

15 **“SEC. 206. ACCOUNTABILITY AND EVALUATION.**

16 “(a) STATE GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT.—An  
17 eligible State that receives a grant under section 203 shall  
18 submit an annual accountability report to the Secretary.  
19 Such report shall include a description of the degree to  
20 which the eligible State, in using funds provided under  
21 such section, has made substantial progress in meeting the  
22 following goals:

23 “(1) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.—Increasing stu-  
24 dent achievement for all students as defined by the  
25 eligible State.



1           “(2) RAISING STANDARDS.—Raising the State  
2 academic standards required to enter the teaching  
3 profession, including, where appropriate, through the  
4 use of incentives to incorporate the requirement of  
5 an academic major in the subject, or related dis-  
6 cipline, in which the teacher plans to teach.

7           “(3) INITIAL CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE.—  
8 Increasing success in the pass rate for initial State  
9 teacher certification or licensure, and increasing the  
10 numbers of highly qualified individuals being cer-  
11 tified or licensed as teachers, including through al-  
12 ternative routes.

13           “(4) HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS.—Ensuring  
14 that all teachers teaching in core academic sub-  
15 jects within the State are highly qualified not later  
16 than the end of the 2005–2006 school year pursuant  
17 to section 1119(a)(2) of the Elementary and Sec-  
18 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
19 6319(a)(2)).

20           “(5) DECREASING TEACHER SHORTAGES.—De-  
21 creasing shortages of qualified teachers in poor  
22 urban and rural areas.

23           “(6) INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFES-  
24 SIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—Increasing opportunities  
25 for enhanced and ongoing professional development

1 that improves the academic content knowledge of  
2 teachers in the subject areas in which the teachers  
3 are certified or licensed to teach or in which the  
4 teachers are working toward certification or licen-  
5 sure to teach, and that promotes strong teaching  
6 skills.

7 “(7) TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION.—Increasing  
8 the number of teachers prepared to integrate tech-  
9 nology in the classroom.

10 “(b) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP EVALUATION.—Each  
11 eligible partnership receiving a grant under section 204  
12 shall establish and include in the application submitted  
13 under section 204(c), an evaluation plan that includes  
14 strong performance objectives. The plan shall include ob-  
15 jectives and measures for—

16 “(1) increased student achievement for all stu-  
17 dents as measured by the partnership;

18 “(2) increased teacher retention in the first 3  
19 years of a teacher’s career;

20 “(3) increased success in the pass rate for ini-  
21 tial State certification or licensure of teachers;

22 “(4) increased percentage of secondary school  
23 classes in core academic subject areas taught by  
24 highly qualified teachers;

1           “(5) increasing the number of teachers trained  
2           in technology; and

3           “(6) increasing the number of teachers pre-  
4           pared to work effectively with parents.

5           “(c) REVOCATION OF GRANT.—

6           “(1) REPORT.—Each eligible State or eligible  
7           partnership receiving a grant under this part shall  
8           report annually on the progress of the eligible State  
9           or eligible partnership toward meeting the purposes  
10          of this part and the goals, objectives, and measures  
11          described in subsections (a) and (b).

12          “(2) REVOCATION.—

13                 “(A) ELIGIBLE STATES AND ELIGIBLE AP-  
14                 PLICANTS.—If the Secretary determines that an  
15                 eligible State or eligible applicant is not making  
16                 substantial progress in meeting the purposes,  
17                 goals, objectives, and measures, as appropriate,  
18                 by the end of the second year of a grant under  
19                 this part, then the grant payment shall not be  
20                 made for the third year of the grant.

21                 “(B) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIPS.—If the  
22                 Secretary determines that an eligible partner-  
23                 ship is not making substantial progress in  
24                 meeting the purposes, goals, objectives, and  
25                 measures, as appropriate, by the end of the

1           third year of a grant under this part, then the  
 2           grant payments shall not be made for any suc-  
 3           ceeding year of the grant.

4           “(d) EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION.—The Sec-  
 5   retary shall evaluate the activities funded under this part  
 6   and report the Secretary’s findings regarding the activities  
 7   to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-  
 8   sions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and  
 9   the Workforce of the House of Representatives. The Sec-  
 10   retary shall broadly disseminate successful practices devel-  
 11   oped by eligible States and eligible partnerships under this  
 12   part, and shall broadly disseminate information regarding  
 13   such practices that were found to be ineffective.

14   **“SEC. 207. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRAMS THAT PRE-**  
 15                           **PARE TEACHERS.**

16           “(a) DEVELOPMENT OF DEFINITIONS AND REPORT-  
 17   ING METHODS; HIGH-QUALITY TEACHER PREPARATION  
 18   PROGRAM.—

19           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Within 9 months of the  
 20   date of enactment of the Higher Education Amend-  
 21   ments of 1998, the Commissioner of the National  
 22   Center for Education Statistics, in consultation with  
 23   States and institutions of higher education, shall de-  
 24   velop key definitions for terms, and uniform report-  
 25   ing methods (including the key definitions for the

1 consistent reporting of pass rates and program  
2 completers), related to the performance of elemen-  
3 tary school and secondary school teacher preparation  
4 programs.

5 “(2) HIGH-QUALITY TEACHER PREPARATION  
6 PROGRAM.—Each applicant for a grant under this  
7 part shall provide assurances in such applicant’s ap-  
8 plication that the applicant will meet the following  
9 criteria:

10 “(A) Provide each teacher with each of the  
11 following skills and supports:

12 “(i) A deep knowledge of the subjects  
13 such teacher teaches.

14 “(ii) A firm understanding of how  
15 students learn.

16 “(iii) Teaching skills necessary to help  
17 all students achieve high standards, includ-  
18 ing children with disabilities and limited  
19 English proficient students.

20 “(iv) How to create a positive learning  
21 environment.

22 “(v) The ability to integrate chal-  
23 lenging State academic content standards  
24 and challenging student academic achieve-

1           ment standards, and accountability into  
2           classroom teaching.

3           “(vi) The ability to use a variety of  
4           assessment strategies to diagnose and re-  
5           spond to individual learning needs.

6           “(vii) The ability to integrate modern  
7           technology into curricula to support stu-  
8           dent learning.

9           “(viii) Classroom management skills.

10          “(ix) Opportunities to collaborate with  
11          the teacher’s colleagues, with parents, com-  
12          munity members, and other educators.

13          “(x) The ability to work in partner-  
14          ship with parents and involve parents in  
15          their children’s education.

16          “(xi) How to reflect on practices in  
17          order to improve teaching and student  
18          learning.

19          “(B) Ensure that each preservice teacher  
20          has the necessary skills to succeed in the class-  
21          room, including providing—

22                 “(i) some training in reading, address-  
23                 ing the needs of children with disabilities  
24                 and limited English proficient students,  
25                 data analysis, and how to use student

1 achievement data to improve instruction;  
2 and

3 “(ii) optional training in teaching ad-  
4 vanced placement courses.

5 “(b) STATE REPORT CARD ON THE QUALITY OF  
6 TEACHER PREPARATION.—Each State that receives funds  
7 under this Act shall provide to the Secretary, within 2  
8 years of the date of enactment of the Higher Education  
9 Amendments of 1998, and annually thereafter, in a uni-  
10 form and comprehensible manner that conforms with the  
11 definitions and methods established in subsection (a), a  
12 State report card on the quality of teacher preparation  
13 in the State, which shall include at least the following:

14 “(1) A description of the teacher certification  
15 and licensure assessments, and any other certifi-  
16 cation and licensure requirements, used by the  
17 State.

18 “(2) The standards and criteria that prospec-  
19 tive teachers must meet in order to attain initial  
20 teacher certification or licensure and to be certified  
21 or licensed to teach particular subjects or in par-  
22 ticular grades within the State.

23 “(3) A description of the extent to which the  
24 assessments and requirements described in para-

1 graph (1) are aligned with the State’s standards and  
2 assessments for students.

3 “(4) The percentage of teaching candidates who  
4 passed each of the assessments used by the State for  
5 teacher certification and licensure, and the passing  
6 score on each assessment that determines whether a  
7 candidate has passed that assessment.

8 “(5) The percentage of teaching candidates who  
9 passed each of the assessments used by the State for  
10 teacher certification and licensure, disaggregated  
11 and ranked, by the teacher preparation program in  
12 that State from which the teacher candidate received  
13 the candidate’s most recent degree, which shall be  
14 made available widely and publicly.

15 “(6) Information on the extent to which teach-  
16 ers in the State are given waivers of State certifi-  
17 cation or licensure requirements, including the pro-  
18 portion of such teachers distributed across high- and  
19 low-poverty school districts and across subject areas.

20 “(7) A description of each State’s alternative  
21 routes to teacher certification, if any, and the per-  
22 centage of teachers certified through alternative cer-  
23 tification routes who pass State teacher certification  
24 or licensure assessments.



1           “(8) For each State, a description of proposed  
2 criteria for assessing the performance of teacher  
3 preparation programs within institutions of higher  
4 education in the State, including indicators of teach-  
5 er candidate knowledge and skills.

6           “(9) Information on the extent to which teach-  
7 ers or prospective teachers in each State are re-  
8 quired to take examinations or other assessments of  
9 their subject matter knowledge in the area or areas  
10 in which the teachers provide instruction, the stand-  
11 ards established for passing any such assessments,  
12 and the extent to which teachers or prospective  
13 teachers are required to receive a passing score on  
14 such assessments in order to teach in specific sub-  
15 ject areas or grade levels.

16           “(c) INITIAL REPORT.—

17           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State that receives  
18 funds under this Act, not later than 6 months after  
19 the date of enactment of the College Quality, Afford-  
20 ability, and Diversity Improvement Act of 2005 and  
21 in a uniform and comprehensible manner, shall sub-  
22 mit to the Secretary the information described in  
23 paragraphs (1), (5), and (6) of subsection (b). Such  
24 information shall be compiled by the Secretary and  
25 submitted to the Committee on Health, Education,

1 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-  
2 mittee on Education and the Workforce of the  
3 House of Representatives not later than 9 months  
4 after the date of enactment of the College Quality,  
5 Affordability, and Diversity Improvement Act of  
6 2005.

7 “(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
8 section shall be construed to require a State to gath-  
9 er information that is not in the possession of the  
10 State or the teacher preparation programs in the  
11 State, or readily available to the State or teacher  
12 preparation programs.

13 “(d) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY ON THE QUALITY  
14 OF TEACHER PREPARATION.—

15 “(1) REPORT CARD.—The Secretary shall pro-  
16 vide to Congress, and publish and make widely avail-  
17 able, a report card on teacher qualifications and  
18 preparation in the United States, including all the  
19 information reported in paragraphs (1) through (9)  
20 of subsection (b). Such report shall identify States  
21 for which eligible States and eligible partnerships re-  
22 ceived a grant under this part. Such report shall be  
23 so provided, published, and made available not later  
24 than 2 years 6 months after the date of enactment

1 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and  
2 annually thereafter.

3 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary  
4 shall report to Congress—

5 “(A) a comparison of States’ efforts to im-  
6 prove teaching quality; and

7 “(B) regarding the national mean and me-  
8 dian scores on any standardized test that is  
9 used in more than 1 State for teacher certifi-  
10 cation or licensure.

11 “(3) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of teacher  
12 preparation programs with fewer than 10 graduates  
13 taking any single initial teacher certification or li-  
14 censure assessment during an academic year, the  
15 Secretary shall collect and publish information with  
16 respect to an average pass rate on State certification  
17 or licensure assessments taken over a 3-year period.

18 “(4) DATABASE.—The Secretary shall collect  
19 data and develop a national and public database that  
20 provides reports on States’ passage rates on certifi-  
21 cation and licensure assessments, the placement  
22 rates for teacher preparation programs, the percent-  
23 age of full-time faculty in institutions of higher edu-  
24 cation in each State who teach classes offered by a  
25 school of education, the tracking of graduates 3

1 years after graduating from a teacher preparation  
2 program, and other relevant information, as appro-  
3 priate.

4 “(e) COORDINATION.—The Secretary, to the extent  
5 practicable, shall coordinate the information collected and  
6 published under this part among States for individuals  
7 who took State teacher certification or licensure assess-  
8 ments in a State other than the State in which the indi-  
9 vidual received the individual’s most recent degree.

10 “(f) INSTITUTIONAL REPORT CARDS ON THE QUAL-  
11 ITY OF TEACHER PREPARATION.—

12 “(1) REPORT CARD.—Each institution of higher  
13 education that conducts a teacher preparation pro-  
14 gram that enrolls students receiving Federal assist-  
15 ance under this Act, not later than 18 months after  
16 the date of enactment of the Higher Education  
17 Amendments of 1998 and annually thereafter, shall  
18 report to the State and the general public, in a uni-  
19 form and comprehensible manner that conforms with  
20 the definitions and methods established under sub-  
21 section (a), the following information:

22 “(A) PASS RATE.—(i) For the most recent  
23 year for which the information is available, the  
24 pass rate of the institution’s graduates on the  
25 teacher certification or licensure assessments of

1 the State in which the institution is located, but  
2 only for those students who took those assess-  
3 ments within 3 years of completing the pro-  
4 gram.

5 “(ii) A comparison of the program’s pass  
6 rate with the average pass rate for programs in  
7 the State.

8 “(iii) In the case of teacher preparation  
9 programs with fewer than 10 graduates taking  
10 any single initial teacher certification or licen-  
11 sure assessment during an academic year, the  
12 institution shall collect and publish information  
13 with respect to an average pass rate on State  
14 certification or licensure assessments taken over  
15 a 3-year period.

16 “(B) PROGRAM INFORMATION.—The num-  
17 ber of students in the program, the average  
18 number of hours of supervised practice teaching  
19 required for those in the program, and the fac-  
20 ulty-student ratio in supervised practice teach-  
21 ing.

22 “(C) STATEMENT.—In States that approve  
23 or accredit teacher education programs, a state-  
24 ment of whether the institution’s program is so  
25 approved or accredited.

1           “(D) DESIGNATION AS LOW-PER-  
2 FORMING.—Whether the program has been des-  
3 igned as low-performing by the State under  
4 section 208(a).

5           “(E) PERCENTAGE OF FACULTY IN  
6 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.—The percentage of  
7 full-time faculty at the institution of higher  
8 education who teach classes offered by the  
9 school of education.

10          “(2) REQUIREMENT.—The information de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (1) shall be reported through  
12 publications such as school catalogs and promotional  
13 materials sent to potential applicants, secondary  
14 school guidance counselors, and prospective employ-  
15 ers of the institution’s program graduates.

16          “(3) FINES.—In addition to the actions author-  
17 ized in section 487(c), the Secretary may impose a  
18 fine not to exceed \$25,000 on an institution of high-  
19 er education for failure to provide the information  
20 described in this subsection in a timely or accurate  
21 manner.

22          “(g) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CORE CUR-  
23 RICULUM STUDY.—

24          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter  
25 into a contract with the National Academy of

1 Sciences to conduct a 2-year study to develop a sug-  
2 gested core curriculum in pedagogy for schools of  
3 education for such schools' teacher education pro-  
4 gram that assists those within the education profes-  
5 sion and prospective teachers to understand what  
6 prospective teachers need to know to become effec-  
7 tive teachers.

8 “(2) DOMAINS OF FOUNDATIONAL AND PEDAGOGICAL KNOWLEDGE.—The study under paragraph  
9 (1) shall include each of the following domains of  
10 foundational and pedagogical knowledge:  
11

12 “(A) Learning, which would include build-  
13 ing on existing knowledge and experience  
14 shaped by social and cultural context in the  
15 community and in the classroom.

16 “(B) Human development, which would in-  
17 clude how children and adolescents think and  
18 behave, taking in account different ages, con-  
19 texts, and learning styles.

20 “(C) Assessment, which would include the  
21 introduction of standards-based reform.

22 “(D) Teaching strategies, which would in-  
23 clude providing all teachers with the tools need-  
24 ed to be successful in the classroom, especially

1 with students who have specific learning disabil-  
2 ities or needs such as language acquisition.

3 “(E) Reading instruction, which would in-  
4 clude taking in account different ages, contexts,  
5 and learning styles.

6 “(3) BEST RESEARCH; SUGGESTED TRAIN-  
7 ING.—The suggested core curriculum developed  
8 under paragraph (1) shall reflect the best research  
9 into how students learn and on the content-specific  
10 methods shown to be effective with students, includ-  
11 ing examining how children learn. The suggested  
12 core curriculum shall include suggested training in  
13 working with diverse populations, assessments in the  
14 classroom, and classroom management.

15 “(4) COLLABORATION.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the  
17 study under paragraph (1), the National Acad-  
18 emy of Sciences shall collaborate with interested  
19 parties in developing the suggested core cur-  
20 riculum.

21 “(B) INTERESTED PARTIES.—In this para-  
22 graph, the term ‘interested parties’ means—

23 “(i) college presidents;

24 “(ii) deans of teacher education pro-  
25 grams;



- 1 “(iii) teacher preparation faculty;  
2 “(iv) chief State school officers;  
3 “(v) school superintendents;  
4 “(vi) teacher organizations;  
5 “(vii) outstanding teachers; and  
6 “(viii) teacher preparation accrediting  
7 organizations.

8 **“SEC. 208. STATE FUNCTIONS.**

9 “(a) STATE ASSESSMENT.—In order to receive funds  
10 under this Act, a State, not later than 2 years after the  
11 date of enactment of the Higher Education Amendments  
12 of 1998, shall have in place a procedure to identify, and  
13 assist, through the provision of technical assistance, low-  
14 performing programs of teacher preparation within insti-  
15 tutions of higher education. Such State shall provide the  
16 Secretary an annual list of such low-performing institu-  
17 tions that includes an identification of those institutions  
18 at risk of being placed on such list. Such levels of perform-  
19 ance shall be determined solely by the State and may in-  
20 clude criteria based upon information collected pursuant  
21 to this part. Such assessment shall be described in the  
22 report under section 207(b).

23 “(b) TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Any institu-  
24 tion of higher education that offers a program of teacher  
25 preparation in which the State has withdrawn the State’s

1 approval or terminated the State’s financial support due  
2 to the low performance of the institution’s teacher prepa-  
3 ration program based upon the State assessment described  
4 in subsection (a)—

5 “(1) shall be ineligible for any funding for pro-  
6 fessional development activities awarded by the De-  
7 partment of Education;

8 “(2) shall not be permitted to accept or enroll  
9 any student that receives aid under title IV of this  
10 Act in the institution’s teacher preparation program;  
11 and

12 “(3) shall provide transitional support, includ-  
13 ing remedial services if necessary, for students en-  
14 rolled at the institution at the time of termination  
15 of financial support or withdrawal of approval.

16 “(c) **NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING.**—If the Secretary  
17 develops any regulations implementing subsection (b)(2),  
18 the Secretary shall submit such proposed regulations to  
19 a negotiated rulemaking process, which shall include rep-  
20 resentatives of States, institutions of higher education,  
21 and educational and student organizations.

22 **“SEC. 209. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

23 “(a) **METHODS.**—In complying with sections 207 and  
24 208, the Secretary shall ensure that States and institu-  
25 tions of higher education use fair and equitable methods

1 in reporting and that the reporting methods protect the  
2 privacy of individuals.

3 “(b) SPECIAL RULE.—For each State in which there  
4 are no State certification or licensure assessments, or for  
5 States that do not set minimum performance levels on  
6 those assessments—

7 “(1) the Secretary shall, to the extent prac-  
8 ticable, collect data comparable to the data required  
9 under this part from States, local educational agen-  
10 cies, institutions of higher education, or other enti-  
11 ties that administer such assessments to teachers or  
12 prospective teachers; and

13 “(2) notwithstanding any other provision of this  
14 part, the Secretary shall use such data to carry out  
15 the requirements of this part related to assessments  
16 or pass rates.

17 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

18 “(1) FEDERAL CONTROL PROHIBITED.—Noth-  
19 ing in this part shall be construed to permit, allow,  
20 encourage, or authorize any Federal control over any  
21 aspect of any private, religious, or home school,  
22 whether or not a home school is treated as a private  
23 school or home school under State law. This section  
24 shall not be construed to prohibit private, religious,

1 or home schools from participation in programs or  
2 services under this part.

3 “(2) NO CHANGE IN STATE CONTROL ENCOUR-  
4 AGED OR REQUIRED.—Nothing in this part shall be  
5 construed to encourage or require any change in a  
6 State’s treatment of any private, religious, or home  
7 school, whether or not a home school is treated as  
8 a private school or home school under State law.

9 “(3) NATIONAL SYSTEM OF TEACHER CERTIFI-  
10 CATION PROHIBITED.—Nothing in this part shall be  
11 construed to permit, allow, encourage, or authorize  
12 the Secretary to establish or support any national  
13 system of teacher certification.

14 **“SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
16 this part \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums  
17 as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal  
18 years.

19 **“PART B—INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO RECRUIT,  
20 TRAIN, AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY TEACH-  
21 ERS AND PRINCIPALS**

22 **“SEC. 215. INCENTIVES TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN HIGH  
23 QUALITY TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS.**

24 “(a) MENTORING PROGRAM.—

25 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
2           award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible  
3           partnerships to enable the eligible partnerships  
4           to develop mentoring programs that help train  
5           and retain new teachers and provide profes-  
6           sional routes for experienced teachers.

7           “(B) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants  
8           under this subsection, the Secretary shall give  
9           priority to eligible partnerships that consist of  
10          a high need local educational agency with—

11                   “(i) high rates of teacher turnover;  
12                   and

13                   “(ii) shortages of teachers in subject  
14                   areas of high need (including bilingual edu-  
15                   cation, special education, mathematics,  
16                   science, vocational education, and early  
17                   childhood education) and teachers in rural  
18                   areas.

19          “(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—In this sub-  
20          section, the term ‘eligible partnership’ means a part-  
21          nership among an institution of higher education, a  
22          high need local educational agency, and a nonprofit  
23          entity (including teacher organizations) that has an  
24          established record of providing effective teacher  
25          training.

1           “(3) APPLICATION.—An eligible partnership  
2 that desires a grant under this subsection shall sub-  
3 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in  
4 such manner, and containing such information as  
5 the Secretary may require.

6           “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—

7           “(A) MANDATORY USES.—An eligible part-  
8 nership that receives a grant under this sub-  
9 section shall develop a mentoring program that  
10 is not less than 1 year in duration and does  
11 each of the following:

12           “(i) Provides—

13           “(I) training for experienced  
14 teachers to become mentors;

15           “(II) training from trained men-  
16 tors to teach teachers in schools  
17 served by high need local educational  
18 agencies;

19           “(III) stipends to mentors; and

20           “(IV) release time or a reduced  
21 class load for mentors and the teach-  
22 ers being mentored, or both.

23           “(ii) Outlines specific criteria for who  
24 can serve as mentors, coaches, and team  
25 leaders.

- 1 “(iii) Requires mentors to—  
2 “(I) be fully licensed;  
3 “(II) be permanent (nonprobationary) classroom teachers;  
4 “(III) have completed not less  
5 than 3 years of teaching;  
6 “(IV) demonstrate mastery of  
7 pedagogy and the subject matter such  
8 mentor teaches;  
9 “(V) have superior teaching and  
10 interpersonal skills;  
11 “(VI) have the ability to integrate  
12 challenging State academic content  
13 standards and challenging student  
14 academic achievement standards  
15 and accountability into classroom  
16 teaching;  
17 “(VII) use a variety of assessment  
18 strategies to respond to individual  
19 learning needs; and  
20 “(VIII) reflect on their teaching  
21 practices in order to improve teaching  
22 and student learning.  
23 “(iv) Endeavors to match mentors  
24 and the teachers being mentored by geo-

1 graphic proximity or by the same grade  
2 level and subject matter area of teaching,  
3 or both.

4 “(v) Ensures that teachers who have  
5 been mentored will work in schools served  
6 by high need local educational agencies for  
7 a specified period of time.

8 “(vi) Provides a plan to evaluate the  
9 mentoring program.

10 “(B) PERMISSIBLE USES.—An eligible  
11 partnership that receives a grant under this  
12 subsection may use the grant funds to provide  
13 academic credit toward an advanced degree for  
14 mentors and the teachers being mentored.

15 “(5) DURATION OF GRANTS.—Grants awarded  
16 under this subsection shall be for 3 years in dura-  
17 tion.

18 “(6) EVALUATION.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the  
20 last day of the grant award, an eligible partner-  
21 ship that receives a grant under this subsection  
22 shall submit an accountability report to the  
23 Secretary.



1           “(B) CONTENT.—The accountability re-  
2           port under subparagraph (A) shall include, at a  
3           minimum—

4                   “(i) teacher retention rates for teach-  
5                   ers participating in the mentoring program  
6                   as compared with teachers in the high need  
7                   local educational agency not participating  
8                   in the mentoring program;

9                   “(ii) results of evaluations on mentor  
10                  and teachers being mentored satisfaction  
11                  with the mentoring program; and

12                  “(iii) results of the plan developed by  
13                  the eligible partnership to evaluate the  
14                  mentoring program.

15           “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
16           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
17           this subsection \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and  
18           such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
19           succeeding fiscal years.

20           “(b) HOUSING INCENTIVES PROGRAM.—

21                   “(1) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Sec-  
22                   retary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to  
23                   eligible partnerships to enable the eligible partner-  
24                   ships to develop a housing incentive program that

1 assists teachers who teach in schools served by high  
2 need local educational agencies to afford housing.

3 “(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—In this sub-  
4 section:

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible  
6 partnership’ means a partnership between—

7 “(i)(I) a high need local educational  
8 agency; or

9 “(II) a State educational agency; and

10 “(ii) an institution of higher edu-  
11 cation.

12 “(B) OTHER ENTITIES.—The term ‘eligible  
13 partnership’ may include other public entities or  
14 private entities.

15 “(3) APPLICATION.—An eligible partnership  
16 that desires a grant under this subsection shall sub-  
17 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in  
18 such manner, and containing such information as  
19 the Secretary may require.

20 “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible partnership  
21 that receives a grant under this subsection shall use  
22 the grant funds to develop a housing incentive pro-  
23 gram that—

24 “(A) provides financial incentives to teach-  
25 ers who teach in schools served by high need

1 local educational agencies by providing for such  
2 teachers funds for—

3 “(i) a downpayment on a home;

4 “(ii) closing costs associated with pur-  
5 chasing a home; or

6 “(iii) moving expenses; or

7 “(B) develops a partnership with a lender  
8 to create a home loan program for teachers who  
9 teach in schools served by high need local edu-  
10 cational agencies that provides home loans to  
11 such teachers that—

12 “(i) are insured by the eligible part-  
13 nership; or

14 “(ii) require minimal or no downpay-  
15 ment.

16 “(5) SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—A teacher that  
17 receives assistance under this subsection shall—

18 “(A) teach in a school served by a high  
19 need local educational agency for not less than  
20 5 subsequent school years; or

21 “(B) repay the amount of assistance.

22 “(6) EVALUATION.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible partner-  
24 ship that receives a grant under this subsection  
25 shall develop an evaluation of the partnership’s

1 housing incentive program that includes, at a  
2 minimum—

3 “(i) how many teachers received as-  
4 sistance under the program and retention  
5 rates in schools served by high need local  
6 educational agencies for such teachers;

7 “(ii) whether the program helped im-  
8 prove teacher shortages;

9 “(iii) a description of the specific in-  
10 active model that was used to develop the  
11 housing incentive program;

12 “(iv) if applicable, how partnerships  
13 with lenders worked; and

14 “(v) successful practices.

15 “(B) SUBMISSION OF EVALUATION.—Not  
16 later than the last day of the grant award, the  
17 eligible partnership shall submit to the Sec-  
18 retary the evaluation developed under subpara-  
19 graph (A).

20 “(7) TAX EXEMPTION.—The amount of any fi-  
21 nancial assistance received by a teacher under a  
22 housing incentive program developed pursuant to  
23 this subsection shall not be considered income for  
24 purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

1           “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3           this subsection \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and  
4           such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
5           succeeding fiscal years.

6           “(c) COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS A PARTNER.—

7           “(1) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Sec-  
8           retary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to  
9           eligible partnerships to enable the eligible partner-  
10          ships to strengthen teacher preparation programs.

11          “(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—In this sub-  
12          section, the term ‘eligible partnership’ means a part-  
13          nership between—

14                  “(A) a community college; and

15                  “(B) a 4-year institution of higher edu-  
16          cation that has a teacher preparation program.

17          “(3) APPLICATION.—An eligible partnership  
18          that desires a grant under this subsection shall sub-  
19          mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in  
20          such manner, and containing such information as  
21          the Secretary may require.

22          “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—

23                  “(A) MANDATORY USES.—An eligible part-  
24          nership that receives a grant under this sub-  
25          section shall do both of the following:

1           “(i) COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACTIVI-  
2 TIES.—The community college of the eligi-  
3 ble partnership shall develop and strength-  
4 en the core curriculum centered on a lib-  
5 eral arts education at such college that  
6 adequately prepares students to enter the  
7 teacher preparation program at the 4-year  
8 institution of higher education of the eligi-  
9 ble partnership.

10           “(ii) 4-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
11 EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—

12           “(I) IN GENERAL.—The 4-year  
13 institution of higher education of the  
14 eligible partnership shall provide in-  
15 tensive support services for students  
16 that enter the teacher preparation  
17 program from the community college  
18 of the eligible partnership.

19           “(II) SUPPORT SERVICES.—The  
20 support services shall be offered prior  
21 to and during such student’s tenure  
22 at the 4-year institution of higher  
23 education and shall include mentoring,  
24 and academic and career support.

1                   “(III) POINT PERSON.—The 4-  
2                   year institution of higher education  
3                   shall provide a point person within the  
4                   teacher preparation program whose  
5                   sole job is to provide support services  
6                   to the students described in subclause  
7                   (I).

8                   “(B) PERMISSIVE USES.—An eligible part-  
9                   nership that receives a grant under this sub-  
10                  section may use the grant funds to provide  
11                  compensation to staff in the teacher prepara-  
12                  tion programs at the community college and 4-  
13                  year institution of higher education.

14                  “(5) DURATION OF GRANTS.—Grants awarded  
15                  under this subsection shall be for 5 years in dura-  
16                  tion.

17                  “(6) EVALUATION.—

18                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible partner-  
19                  ship that receives a grant under this subsection  
20                  shall develop an evaluation of the partnerships’s  
21                  activities under this subsection that—

22                  “(i) includes the number of student  
23                  teachers served and the retention rate in  
24                  the 4-year institution of higher education  
25                  of such student teachers;

1           “(ii) addresses the qualification of  
2           such student teachers when graduating  
3           from the 4-year institution of higher edu-  
4           cation, including whether such student  
5           teachers found teaching positions and  
6           whether they passed State certification ex-  
7           aminations; and

8           “(iii) includes successful practices.

9           “(B) SUBMISSION OF EVALUATION.—Not  
10          later than the last day of the grant award, the  
11          eligible partnership shall submit to the Sec-  
12          retary the evaluation developed under subpara-  
13          graph (A).

14          “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
15          There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
16          this subsection \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and  
17          such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
18          succeeding fiscal years.

19          “(d) PARAPROFESSIONALS TO TEACHERS.—

20          “(1) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Sec-  
21          retary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to  
22          eligible partnerships to enable the eligible partner-  
23          ships to develop a Paraprofessionals to Teachers  
24          Program (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Pro-



1       gram’) to assist paraprofessionals employed by high  
2       need local educational agencies to become teachers.

3           “(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—In this sub-  
4       section, the term ‘eligible partnership’ means a part-  
5       nership among an institution of higher education, a  
6       high need local educational agency, and other enti-  
7       ties that may include businesses, community col-  
8       leges, and teacher organizations.

9           “(3) APPLICATION.—An eligible partnership  
10      that desires a grant under this subsection shall sub-  
11      mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in  
12      such manner, and containing such information as  
13      the Secretary may require.

14          “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—

15           “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible partner-  
16      ship that receives a grant under this subsection  
17      shall develop a Program to assist paraprofes-  
18      sionals employed by the high need local edu-  
19      cational agency of the eligible partnership to be-  
20      come teachers by—

21           “(i) developing a teacher preparation  
22      program at the institution of higher edu-  
23      cation of the eligible partnership for para-  
24      professionals that allows for part-time

1 study and flexible student teaching and  
2 coursework schedules;

3 “(ii) ensuring that paraprofessionals  
4 enrolled in the teacher preparation pro-  
5 gram under clause (i) retain such para-  
6 professionals’ benefit packages with the  
7 high need local educational agency while  
8 enrolled in the teacher preparation pro-  
9 gram;

10 “(iii) providing support services for  
11 such paraprofessionals that include tutor-  
12 ing to meet teacher preparation program  
13 requirements, child care, career counseling,  
14 and financial aid guidance; and

15 “(iv) providing mentoring for such  
16 paraprofessionals during their first 3 years  
17 of teaching.

18 “(B) PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS.—An  
19 eligible partnership that receives a grant under  
20 this subsection may use the grant funds for—

21 “(i) tuition expenses of paraprofes-  
22 sionals in the teacher preparation program;

23 “(ii) child care expenses of para-  
24 professionals;

1                   “(iii) release time for paraprofes-  
2                   sionals;

3                   “(iv) compensation for mentors;

4                   “(v) support services for paraprofes-  
5                   sionals;

6                   “(vi) salaries of staff at the institution  
7                   of higher education and the high need local  
8                   educational agency of the eligible partner-  
9                   ship; and

10                  “(vii) stipends for paraprofessionals.

11                  “(5) ACTIVITIES OF THE HIGH NEED LOCAL  
12                  EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The high need local edu-  
13                  cational agency of the eligible partnership shall—

14                   “(A) make efforts to recruit paraprofes-  
15                   sionals employed by such agency to participate  
16                   in the Program;

17                   “(B) arrange for administrative leave for  
18                   paraprofessionals employed by such agency who  
19                   participate in the Program; and

20                   “(C) guarantee a provisional teaching posi-  
21                   tion to paraprofessionals employed by such  
22                   agency who participate in the Program upon  
23                   completion of the Program.

1           “(6) DURATION OF GRANTS.—Grants awarded  
2 under this subsection shall be for 3 years in dura-  
3 tion.

4           “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
5 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
6 this subsection \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and  
7 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
8 succeeding fiscal years.

9           “(e) SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
10 FOR PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, AND SUPER-  
11 INTENDENTS.—

12           “(1) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Sec-  
13 retary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to  
14 eligible partnerships to enable the eligible partner-  
15 ships to provide practical training to principals, as-  
16 sistant principals, and school superintendents that  
17 focuses on developing and enhancing the skills nec-  
18 essary to serve as instructional leaders of schools  
19 and school systems.

20           “(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—In this sub-  
21 section, the term ‘eligible partnership’—

22           “(A) means a partnership between—

23           “(i) an institution of higher education;  
24           and

1                   “(ii) 1 or more high need local edu-  
2                   cational agencies; and

3                   “(B) may include a school principal profes-  
4                   sional organization.

5                   “(3) APPLICATION.—An eligible partnership  
6                   that desires a grant under this subsection shall sub-  
7                   mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in  
8                   such manner, and containing such information as  
9                   the Secretary may require.

10                  “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—

11                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible partner-  
12                  ship that receives a grant under this subsection  
13                  shall establish a certificate program for prin-  
14                  cipals, assistant principals, and school super-  
15                  intendents that is developed by education ex-  
16                  perts and practitioners and that provides train-  
17                  ing in—

18                         “(i) diagnostic leadership skills assess-  
19                         ment;

20                         “(ii) the development of knowledge  
21                         and skills that contribute to the effective  
22                         practice of instructional leadership behav-  
23                         iors;

24                         “(iii) research methodology for edu-  
25                         cational leaders that includes under-

1 standing of systematic and empirical re-  
2 search methods, application of rigorous  
3 data analyses, collections of reliable and  
4 valid data, knowledge of appropriate re-  
5 search designs, and the importance of peer  
6 review and other external scrutiny, and its  
7 application to the practice of school leader-  
8 ship; and

9 “(iv) the development of knowledge  
10 and skills to develop and align curriculum,  
11 assessments, and instruction with stand-  
12 ards, legislation, and regulations.

13 “(B) PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS.—An  
14 eligible partnership that receives a grant under  
15 this subsection may use the grant funds—

16 “(i) to provide training in developing  
17 and enhancing the skills necessary to effec-  
18 tively run schools for individuals who are  
19 about to become principals, assistant prin-  
20 cipals, or school superintendents;

21 “(ii) for a pre-induction year intern-  
22 ship or apprenticeship with a successful  
23 practitioner to help train individuals who  
24 are about to become principals, assistant  
25 principals, or school superintendents, and,

1 during an induction year, to support and  
2 develop the capacity of new principals, as-  
3 sistant principals, and school superintend-  
4 ents as instructional leaders; and

5 “(iii) to provide mentoring and peer  
6 coaching services for principals, assistant  
7 principals, and school superintendents to  
8 enable exemplary principals, assistant prin-  
9 cipals, and school superintendents to serve  
10 as mentors and role models.

11 “(5) TECHNOLOGY.—In carrying out activities  
12 under this subsection, an eligible partnership shall  
13 use, to the extent practicable, technology as an out-  
14 reach mechanism to expand opportunities for profes-  
15 sional development and ongoing support services for  
16 principals, assistant principals, and school super-  
17 intendents.

18 “(6) REPORT.—An eligible partnership that re-  
19 ceives a grant under this subsection shall submit to  
20 the Secretary an evaluation detailing the use of  
21 grant funds under this subsection and the progress  
22 in meeting the goals of the eligible partnership.

23 “(7) DURATION OF GRANTS.—Grants awarded  
24 under this subsection shall be for 3 years in dura-  
25 tion.

1           “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
 2           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
 3           this subsection \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and  
 4           such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
 5           succeeding fiscal years.

6           **“PART C—PREPARING TOMORROW’S TEACHERS**  
 7                                 **TO USE TECHNOLOGY**

8           **“SEC. 221. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM AUTHORITY.**

9           “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this part to as-  
 10          sist consortia of public and private entities—

11                         “(1) to carry out programs that prepare pro-  
 12          spective teachers to use advanced technology to pre-  
 13          pare all students to meet challenging State and local  
 14          academic content and student academic achievement  
 15          standards; and

16                         “(2) to improve the ability of institutions of  
 17          higher education to carry out such programs.

18          “(b) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

19                         “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized  
 20          to award grants to eligible applicants, or enter into  
 21          contracts or cooperative agreements with eligible ap-  
 22          plicants, on a competitive basis in order to pay for  
 23          the Federal share of the cost of projects to develop  
 24          or redesign teacher preparation programs to enable



1 prospective teachers to use advanced technology ef-  
2 fectively in their classrooms.

3 “(2) PERIOD OF AWARDS.—The Secretary may  
4 award grants, or enter into contracts or cooperative  
5 agreements, under this part for periods that are not  
6 more than 5 years in duration.

7 **“SEC. 222. ELIGIBILITY.**

8 “(a) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—In order to receive a  
9 grant or enter into a contract or cooperative agreement  
10 under this part, an applicant shall be a consortium that  
11 includes the following:

12 “(1) At least one institution of higher education  
13 that awards baccalaureate degrees and prepares  
14 teachers for their initial entry into teaching.

15 “(2) At least one State educational agency or  
16 local educational agency.

17 “(3) One or more of the following entities:

18 “(A) An institution of higher education  
19 (other than the institution described in para-  
20 graph (1)).

21 “(B) A school or department of education  
22 at an institution of higher education.

23 “(C) A school or college of arts and  
24 sciences (as defined in section 201(b)) at an in-  
25 stitution of higher education.

1           “(D) A professional association, founda-  
2           tion, museum, library, for-profit business, pub-  
3           lic or private nonprofit organization, commu-  
4           nity-based organization, or other entity, with  
5           the capacity to contribute to the technology-re-  
6           lated reform of teacher preparation programs.

7           “(b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—In order to re-  
8           ceive a grant or enter into a contract or cooperative agree-  
9           ment under this part, an eligible applicant shall submit  
10          an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-  
11          ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may  
12          require. Such application shall include the following:

13           “(1) A description of the proposed project, in-  
14          cluding how the project would—

15           “(A) ensure that individuals participating  
16          in the project would be prepared to use ad-  
17          vanced technology to prepare all students, in-  
18          cluding groups of students who are underrep-  
19          resented in technology-related fields and groups  
20          of students who are economically disadvan-  
21          taged, to meet challenging State and local aca-  
22          demic content and student academic achieve-  
23          ment standards; and

24           “(B) improve the ability of at least one  
25          participating institution of higher education de-

1 scribed in section 222(a)(1) to ensure such  
2 preparation.

3 “(2) A demonstration of—

4 “(A) the commitment, including the finan-  
5 cial commitment, of each of the members of the  
6 consortium for the proposed project; and

7 “(B) the active support of the leadership of  
8 each organization that is a member of the con-  
9 sortium for the proposed project.

10 “(3) A description of how each member of the  
11 consortium will participate in project activities.

12 “(4) A description of how the proposed project  
13 will be continued after Federal funds are no longer  
14 awarded under this part for the project.

15 “(5) A plan for the evaluation of the project,  
16 which shall include benchmarks to monitor progress  
17 toward specific project objectives.

18 “(c) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
20 cost of any project funded under this part shall not  
21 exceed 50 percent. Except as provided in paragraph  
22 (2), the non-Federal share of the cost of such  
23 project may be provided in cash or in kind, fairly  
24 evaluated, including services.

1           “(2) ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT.—Not more  
2           than 10 percent of the funds awarded for a project  
3           under this part may be used to acquire equipment,  
4           networking capabilities, or infrastructure, and the  
5           non-Federal share of the cost of any such acquisition  
6           shall be provided in cash.

7   **“SEC. 223. USE OF FUNDS.**

8           “(a) REQUIRED USES.—A consortium that receives  
9           a grant or enters into a contract or cooperative agreement  
10          under this part shall use funds made available under this  
11          part for—

12           “(1) a project creating one or more programs  
13           that prepare prospective teachers to use advanced  
14           technology to prepare all students, including groups  
15           of students who are underrepresented in technology-  
16           related fields and groups of students who are eco-  
17           nomically disadvantaged, to meet challenging State  
18           and local academic content and student academic  
19           achievement standards; and

20           “(2) evaluating the effectiveness of the project.

21           “(b) PERMISSIBLE USES.—The consortium may use  
22          funds made available under this part for a project, de-  
23          scribed in the application submitted by the consortium  
24          under this part, that carries out the purpose of this part,  
25          such as the following:

1           “(1) Developing and implementing high-quality  
2 teacher preparation programs that enable edu-  
3 cators—

4           “(A) to learn the full range of resources  
5 that can be accessed through the use of tech-  
6 nology;

7           “(B) to integrate a variety of technologies  
8 into curricula and instruction in order to ex-  
9 pand students’ knowledge;

10           “(C) to evaluate educational technologies  
11 and their potential for use in instruction;

12           “(D) to help students develop their tech-  
13 nical skills; and

14           “(E) to use technology to collect, manage,  
15 and analyze data to improve teaching and deci-  
16 sionmaking.

17           “(2) Developing alternative teacher development  
18 paths that provide elementary schools and secondary  
19 schools with well-prepared, technology-proficient  
20 educators.

21           “(3) Developing achievement-based standards  
22 and assessments aligned with the standards to meas-  
23 ure the capacity of prospective teachers to use tech-  
24 nology effectively in their classrooms.

1           “(4) Providing technical assistance to entities  
2 carrying out other teacher preparation programs.

3           “(5) Developing and disseminating resources  
4 and information in order to assist institutions of  
5 higher education to prepare teachers to use tech-  
6 nology effectively in their classrooms.

7           “(6) Subject to section 222(c)(2), acquiring  
8 technology equipment, networking capabilities, infra-  
9 structure, software, and digital curricula to carry  
10 out the project.

11 **“SEC. 224. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12           “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
13 this part—

14           “(1) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2006; and

15           “(2) such sums as may be necessary for each  
16 of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

17 **TITLE III—DIVERSITY, RETEN-**  
18 **TION, AND ENRICHED ACA-**  
19 **DEMICS FOR MATRICU-**  
20 **LATING STUDENTS**

21 **SEC. 301. TEST PREPARATION FOR LOW-INCOME STU-**  
22 **DENTS.**

23           (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Elementary and  
24 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et  
25 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART J—TEST PREPARATION FOR LOW-INCOME**  
2 **STUDENTS**

3 **“SEC. 1910. DEFINITIONS.**

4 “In this part:

5 “(1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term ‘eligible en-  
6 tity’ means a public, private, or nonprofit entity (in-  
7 cluding a secondary school or a local educational  
8 agency) that—

9 “(A) offers a program to prepare students  
10 for college admissions tests; and

11 “(B) has a verified track record of not less  
12 than 3 years of increasing the average college  
13 admissions test score of students who partici-  
14 pate in such program.

15 “(2) **ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-**  
16 **CY.**—The term ‘eligible local educational agency’  
17 means a local educational agency for which the num-  
18 ber of children determined under section 1124(c) for  
19 that local educational agency constitute more than—

20 “(A) the percentage described in section  
21 1125(c)(2)(B)(v) of the agency’s total popu-  
22 lation aged 5 to 17; or

23 “(B) the number described in section  
24 1125(c)(2)(C)(v) of the agency’s total popu-  
25 lation aged 5 to 17.

1           “(3) ELIGIBLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The  
2 term ‘eligible secondary school’—

3           “(A) means a secondary school that re-  
4 ceives Federal assistance under part A and is  
5 served by an eligible local educational agency;  
6 and

7           “(B) includes a secondary school that does  
8 not receive Federal assistance under part A for  
9 a fiscal year if such secondary school is served  
10 by an eligible local educational agency that  
11 serves secondary schools, none of which received  
12 Federal assistance under part A for such fiscal  
13 year.

14 **“SEC. 1911. ESTABLISHMENT.**

15           “From amounts appropriated under section 1917 for  
16 a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants, on a com-  
17 petitive basis, to eligible local educational agencies to en-  
18 able such agencies to fund college admissions test prepara-  
19 tion programs for juniors and seniors at eligible secondary  
20 schools served by such agencies.

21 **“SEC. 1912. APPLICATION.**

22           “An eligible local educational agency that desires a  
23 grant under this part shall submit an application to the  
24 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing  
25 such information as the Secretary may require.



1 **“SEC. 1913. DURATION.**

2 “Grants awarded under this subpart shall be for a  
3 period of not less than 3 years.

4 **“SEC. 1914. USE OF FUNDS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible local educational  
6 agency that receives a grant under this part shall use the  
7 grant funds to provide, through an eligible entity, a college  
8 admissions test preparation program for juniors and sen-  
9 iors at eligible secondary schools served by such agency  
10 that uses methods that have proven effective in preparing  
11 students for college admissions tests.

12 “(b) METHODS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A college admissions test  
14 preparation program funded under this part shall—

15 “(A) use methods that have proven effec-  
16 tive in preparing students for college admissions  
17 tests;

18 “(B) to the extent practicable, be adminis-  
19 tered through instructor led, classroom-based  
20 courses; and

21 “(C) consist of a minimum of 25 hours of  
22 instructional (nontesting) time.

23 “(2) ONLINE COURSES.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible local edu-  
25 cational agency may enter into a contract with  
26 an eligible entity to provide a college admissions

1 test preparation program that will be offered  
2 online if—

3 “(i) a classroom-based college admis-  
4 sions test preparation program provided by  
5 an eligible entity is not available; and

6 “(ii) the eligible entity providing such  
7 online program has a verified track record  
8 of not less than 3 years of increasing the  
9 average college admissions test score of  
10 students served through such online pro-  
11 gram.

12 “(B) SUPERVISION; ADMINISTRATION.—An  
13 online college admissions test preparation pro-  
14 gram shall be supervised or administered by a  
15 teacher, administrator, or coach who has re-  
16 ceived appropriate professional development to  
17 support student success in such online program.

18 “(c) COMPARABLE SERVICE.—An eligible entity that  
19 is not a school or local educational agency and that re-  
20 ceives a contract under this section shall—

21 “(1) provide comparable services in programs  
22 offered under this part as in programs such entity  
23 offers to such entity’s other customers; and

24 “(2) provide services in programs offered under  
25 this part for not more than 75 percent of such enti-

1 ty's national average rate per student for com-  
2 parable programs.

3 “(d) PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS.—

4 “(1) PRIOR TO PREPARATION.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Programs provided  
6 under this section shall require each partici-  
7 pating student to complete a practice examina-  
8 tion of the college admissions test the student  
9 will be preparing for, prior to preparing such  
10 student for such college admissions test.

11 “(B) PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED; SAME  
12 TIMEFRAME AND SETTING.—The practice ex-  
13 amination described under subparagraph (A)  
14 shall be—

15 “(i) an examination previously admin-  
16 istered by the College Board, ACT Inc., or  
17 other college admissions tests' respective  
18 administrator; and

19 “(ii) administered in a timeframe and  
20 setting similar to that of the examination  
21 when administered by the College Board,  
22 ACT Inc., or other college admissions  
23 tests' respective administrator.

24 “(2) AFTER PREPARATION.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Programs provided  
2           under subsection (a) shall require each partici-  
3           pating student to complete a practice examina-  
4           tion of the college admissions test the student  
5           prepared for at the completion of the program.

6           “(B) PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED; SAME  
7           TIMEFRAME AND SETTING.—The practice ex-  
8           amination described under subparagraph (A)—

9                   “(i) shall be an examination pre-  
10                  viously administered by the College Board,  
11                  ACT Inc., or other college admissions  
12                  tests’ respective administrator;

13                   “(ii) shall not be the same practice ex-  
14                  amination given at the start of the pro-  
15                  gram, given at any time during the pro-  
16                  gram, or used as a study aid during the  
17                  program; and

18                   “(iii) shall be administered in a time-  
19                  frame and setting similar to that of the ex-  
20                  amination when administered by the Col-  
21                  lege Board, ACT Inc., or other college ad-  
22                  missions tests’ respective administrator.

23           “(e) SUPPLEMENTAL PREPARATION AND GUID-  
24           ANCE.—An eligible entity that receives a contract under  
25           this section or an eligible local educational agency that de-

1 velops and implements a school-based college admissions  
2 test preparation program under this section shall—

3           “(1) provide supplemental preparation for those  
4 students that need such supplemental preparation to  
5 prepare for college admissions tests in the form of  
6 prepreparation review of skills and knowledge, in-  
7 cluding in mathematics, grammar, and vocabulary;

8           “(2) ensure that students participating in pro-  
9 grams funded under this part receive counseling on  
10 college admissions, including information on select-  
11 ing an institution of higher education, the applica-  
12 tion process and related requirements, the avail-  
13 ability of supports and services to facilitate transi-  
14 tion to and success in postsecondary education, and  
15 the availability of financial aid; and

16           “(3) offer not less than 1 seminar or class on  
17 the counseling described under paragraph (2) that  
18 shall be held during evening or weekend hours and  
19 parents shall be invited to attend such seminar or  
20 class.

21           “(f) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY SEPARATE PRO-  
22 GRAMS.—An eligible local educational agency that enters  
23 into a contract with an eligible entity pursuant to this sec-  
24 tion—

1           “(1) may conduct activities described under  
2 subsection (e) separate from such contract; and

3           “(2) may not use more than 5 percent of the  
4 grant funds to conduct activities described under  
5 subsection (e) separate from such contract.

6 **“SEC. 1915. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

7           “(a) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—An eligible  
8 local educational agency that develops and implements a  
9 school-based college admissions test preparation program  
10 under section 1914(a)(1) shall submit to the Secretary a  
11 report that includes—

12           “(1) the number of students who started the  
13 program, disaggregated by race and gender where  
14 appropriate;

15           “(2) the number of students who completed the  
16 program, disaggregated by race and gender where  
17 appropriate;

18           “(3) the number of students participating in  
19 the program who subsequently take the officially ad-  
20 ministered college admissions test for which such  
21 students were preparing, disaggregated by race and  
22 gender where appropriate; and

23           “(4) average scores for participating students  
24 on the preprogram test pursuant to section

1       1914(d)(1), and the end of program test pursuant to  
2       section 1914(d)(2).

3       “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—An eligible entity that re-  
4       ceives a contract under section 1914 shall submit to the  
5       eligible local educational agency that has contracted for  
6       such eligible entity’s services a report that includes the  
7       information described in subsection (a) and any other in-  
8       formation the eligible local educational agency shall rea-  
9       sonably require.

10       “(c) FAILURE TO SUBMIT SCORES.—An eligible local  
11       educational agency or eligible entity that fails to submit  
12       the average scores for participating students on the  
13       preprogram test pursuant to section 1914(d)(1), and the  
14       end of program test pursuant to section 1914(d)(2) shall  
15       have such agency or entity’s grant terminated at the dis-  
16       cretion of the Secretary.

17       **“SEC. 1916. SCORE IMPROVEMENT.**

18       “(a) REPORT.—Not less than once every 3 years, the  
19       Secretary shall review and report to Congress on all pro-  
20       grams funded under this part to ensure that such pro-  
21       grams are improving the scores of students participating  
22       in the program.

23       “(b) NONELIGIBILITY.—Programs funded under this  
24       part that are determined by the Secretary to have not sig-

1 nificantly improved the average score of participating stu-  
 2 dents shall no longer be eligible for grants under this part.

3 **“SEC. 1917. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
 5 this part \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums  
 6 as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal  
 7 years.”.

8 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of  
 9 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
 10 U.S.C. 6301 note) is amended by inserting after the item  
 11 relating to section 1908 the following:

“PART J—TEST PREPARATION FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

“Sec. 1910. Definitions.

“Sec. 1911. Establishment.

“Sec. 1912. Application.

“Sec. 1913. Duration.

“Sec. 1914. Use of funds.

“Sec. 1915. Reporting requirement.

“Sec. 1916. Score improvement.

“Sec. 1917. Authorization of appropriations.”.

12 **SEC. 302. ADMISSIONS AND RETENTION.**

13 (a) **PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION.**—Part A  
 14 of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 15 1070 et seq.), as amended by section 105, is further  
 16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 **“Subpart 11—Prospective Student Information**

18 **“SEC. 420M. REPORTING.**

19 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—An institution of higher edu-  
 20 cation that offers a baccalaureate degree and is eligible



1 to receive assistance under this part shall include in such  
2 institution's application for assistance under this part the  
3 following information:

4           “(1) The percentage of freshman students en-  
5 rolled at the institution in the previous academic  
6 year who were self-identified members of the fol-  
7 lowing disaggregated categories:

8                   “(A) Individual major racial and ethnic  
9 groups.

10                   “(B) Male.

11                   “(C) Female.

12                   “(D) The relative of an alumnus,  
13 disaggregated by race and eligibility for Federal  
14 Pell Grants.

15                   “(E) Economically disadvantaged, as  
16 measured by eligibility for Federal Pell Grants.

17           “(2) The percentage of freshman students en-  
18 rolled at the institution in the previous academic  
19 year who were admitted to the institution through  
20 binding early decision, disaggregated by race and eli-  
21 gibility for Federal Pell Grants.

22           “(3) The percentage of freshman students en-  
23 rolled at the institution in the previous academic  
24 year who were admitted to the institution through

1 regular decision, disaggregated by race and eligi-  
2 bility for Federal Pell Grants.

3 “(b) DISAGGREGATION.—An institution of higher  
4 education shall provide specific disaggregated subgroup in-  
5 formation under subsection (a) only if the number of stu-  
6 dents in such subgroup is sufficient to yield statistically  
7 reliable information and reporting would not reveal per-  
8 sonally identifiable information about an individual. If  
9 such number is not sufficient, the institution of higher  
10 education shall note that the institution enrolled too few  
11 of such students to report with confidence.”.

12 (b) ANTITRUST EXEMPTION.—

13 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

14 (A) ANTITRUST LAWS.—The term “anti-  
15 trust laws” has the meaning given such term in  
16 subsection (a) of the first section of the Clayton  
17 Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a)), except that such term  
18 includes section 5 of the Federal Trade Com-  
19 mission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent such  
20 section 5 applies to unfair methods of competi-  
21 tion.

22 (B) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-  
23 CATION.—The term “institution of higher edu-  
24 cation”—

1 (i) means an institution of higher edu-  
 2 cation as defined in section 101 of the  
 3 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 4 1001); and

5 (ii) includes any individual acting on  
 6 behalf of such an institution.

7 (2) EXEMPTION.—The antitrust laws shall not  
 8 apply to any joint discussion, consideration, review,  
 9 action, or agreement by or among institutions of  
 10 higher education, or their representatives, for the  
 11 purpose of, and limited to, developing and dissemi-  
 12 nating guidelines designed to end binding early deci-  
 13 sion admissions policies.

14 (c) RETENTION.—

15 (1) GRANT PROGRAM.—Part A of title III of  
 16 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1057  
 17 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 18 lowing:

19 **“SEC. 318. GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE STUDENT RE-**  
 20 **TENTION AND PROMOTE ARTICULATION**  
 21 **AGREEMENTS.**

22 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary  
 23 shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible insti-  
 24 tutions to enable the institutions to—

1           “(1) focus on increasing traditional and non-  
2           traditional student retention at such institutions;  
3           and

4           “(2) promote articulation agreements among  
5           different institutions that will increase the likelihood  
6           of progression of students at such institutions to  
7           baccalaureate degrees.

8           “(b) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—In  
9           this section, the term ‘eligible institution’ means an insti-  
10          tution of higher education (as defined in section 101(a))  
11          where not less than 40 percent of such institution’s stu-  
12          dent body receives financial aid under subpart 1 of part  
13          A of title IV.

14          “(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution that de-  
15          sires a grant under this section shall submit an application  
16          to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-  
17          taining such information as the Secretary may require.

18          “(d) MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.—An eligible institu-  
19          tion that receives a grant under this section shall use the  
20          grant funds to carry out each of the following:

21                 “(1) Offering counseling services to help stu-  
22                 dents cope with the challenges they are facing and  
23                 identify the services that are available to help them  
24                 persist in their education.

1           “(2) Making mentors available to all students  
2 that are at risk for not completing a degree.

3           “(3) Providing detailed assistance to all stu-  
4 dents who request help in understanding—

5                 “(A) the options for financing their edu-  
6 cation, including information on grants, loans,  
7 and loan repayment programs;

8                 “(B) the process of applying for financial  
9 assistance;

10                “(C) the outcome of their financial assist-  
11 ance application; and

12                “(D) any unanticipated problems related to  
13 financing their education that arise.

14           “(4) Offering tutoring to all students who re-  
15 quest assistance with any course or subject.

16           “(5) Conducting outreach activities so that all  
17 students know that these services are available and  
18 are aware of how to access the services.

19           “(6) Making services listed in paragraphs (1)  
20 through (4) available in students’ native languages,  
21 if it is not English, if the percentage of students  
22 needing translation services in a specific language  
23 exceeds 5 percent.

1       “(e) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—An eligible institu-  
2 tion that receives a grant under this section may use grant  
3 funds to carry out any of the following activities:

4           “(1) Providing intensive remedial academic in-  
5 struction.

6           “(2) Designing innovative course schedules to  
7 meet the needs of working adults, such as classes  
8 that are concentrated on weekends or over short pe-  
9 riods of time.

10          “(3) Designing and implementing online  
11 courses or components of courses to allow nontradi-  
12 tional students to obtain an education when their  
13 family or professional responsibilities, or both, make  
14 it difficult for them to attend class on campus at  
15 prespecified, regular times.

16          “(4) Offering childcare during the hours when  
17 students have class or are studying.

18          “(5) Providing transportation assistance to stu-  
19 dents that helps such students manage their sched-  
20 ules.

21          “(6) Partnering with local businesses to create  
22 flexible work-hour programs so that students can  
23 balance work and school.



1 race, gender, and eligibility for Federal Pell Grants,  
2 if the institution of higher education—

3 “(A) receives Federal funds;

4 “(B) is eligible for assistance under title  
5 IV;

6 “(C) is not eligible for assistance under  
7 section 318; and

8 “(D) awards a baccalaureate degree.

9 “(2) DISAGGREGATION.—An institution of high-  
10 er education shall provide specific disaggregated sub-  
11 group information under paragraph (1) only if the  
12 number of students in such subgroup is sufficient to  
13 yield statistically reliable information and reporting  
14 would not reveal personally identifiable information  
15 about an individual. If such number is not sufficient,  
16 the institution of higher education shall note that  
17 the institution enrolled too few of such students to  
18 report with confidence.

19 “(b) SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AT RISK STUDENTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that  
21 is 2 years after the date of enactment of this sec-  
22 tion, and annually thereafter, each institution of  
23 higher education that has a disparity of 20 or more  
24 percentage points in the rates determined under sub-  
25 section (a) between any 2 or more subgroups in all



1 the disaggregated categories for an academic year  
2 shall increase, from the level provided in such aca-  
3 demic year and in accordance with paragraph (2),  
4 support services for the students in the subgroups in  
5 which the baccalaureate degree completion rate is 20  
6 or more percentage points below the completion rate  
7 for the subgroup with the highest completion rate.

8 “(2) AMOUNT OF INCREASE AND ACTIVITIES.—

9 “(A) INCREASE.—The amount of the in-  
10 crease required under paragraph (1) for an aca-  
11 demic year shall be equal to 5 percent of the  
12 amount of assistance received by the institution  
13 of higher education under part C of title IV and  
14 subpart 3 of part A of title IV for such aca-  
15 demic year.

16 “(B) ACTIVITIES.—

17 “(i) MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.—The  
18 amount of the increase required under  
19 paragraph (1) shall be used to carry out  
20 the following activities:

21 “(I) Offering counseling services  
22 to help students cope with the chal-  
23 lenges they are facing and identify the  
24 services that are available to help  
25 them persist in their education.

1           “(II) Making mentors available  
2 to all students that are at risk for not  
3 completing a degree.

4           “(III) Providing detailed assist-  
5 ance to all students who request help  
6 in understanding—

7                   “(aa) the options for financ-  
8 ing their education, including in-  
9 formation on grants, loans, and  
10 loan repayment programs;

11                   “(bb) the process of apply-  
12 ing for financial assistance;

13                   “(cc) the outcome of their fi-  
14 nancial assistance application;  
15 and

16                   “(dd) any unanticipated  
17 problems related to financing  
18 their education that arise.

19           “(IV) Offering tutoring to all  
20 students who request assistance with  
21 any course or subject.

22           “(V) Conducting outreach activi-  
23 ties so that all students know that  
24 these services are available and are  
25 aware of how to access the services.

1           “(VI) Making services listed in  
2           subclauses (I) through (IV) available  
3           in students’ native languages, if it is  
4           not English, if the percentage of stu-  
5           dents needing translation services in a  
6           specific language exceeds 5 percent.

7           “(ii) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The  
8           amount of the increase required under  
9           paragraph (1) may be used to carry out  
10          any of the following activities:

11           “(I) Providing intensive remedial  
12          academic instruction.

13           “(II) Designing innovative course  
14          schedules to meet the needs of work-  
15          ing adults, such as classes that are  
16          concentrated on weekends or over  
17          short periods of time.

18           “(III) Designing and imple-  
19          menting online courses or components  
20          of courses to allow nontraditional stu-  
21          dents to obtain an education when  
22          their family or professional respon-  
23          sibilities, or both, make it difficult for  
24          them to attend class on campus at  
25          prespecified, regular times.

1           “(IV) Offering childcare during  
2           the hours when students have class or  
3           are studying.

4           “(V) Providing transportation as-  
5           sistance to students that helps such  
6           students manage their schedules.

7           “(VI) Partnering with local busi-  
8           nesses to create flexible work-hour  
9           programs so that students can balance  
10          work and school.

11          “(VII) Offering time manage-  
12          ment seminars or personal coaches to  
13          help students improve their time man-  
14          agement skills.

15          “(VIII) Any other activities the  
16          Secretary believes will promote reten-  
17          tion of students attending eligible in-  
18          stitutions.”.

19 **SEC. 303. FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAM.**

20          Section 402A of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
21 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–11) is amended—

22                 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

23                         (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
24                         “\$170,000” and inserting “\$190,000”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
2 “\$180,000” and inserting “\$200,000”; and

3 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
4 “\$190,000” and inserting “\$220,000”; and

5 (2) in subsection (f), by striking the first sen-  
6 tence and inserting the following: “For the purpose  
7 of making grants and contracts under this chapter,  
8 there are authorized to be appropriated  
9 \$1,250,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums  
10 as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fis-  
11 cal years.”.

12 **SEC. 304. GEAR UP.**

13 (a) EARLY INTERVENTION AND COLLEGE AWARE-  
14 NESS PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Section 404A(b) of the  
15 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–21(b))  
16 is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “6 year”  
18 after “shall make”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3) CURRENT GRANTEES.—An eligible entity  
21 that has received an award under this section, has  
22 performed successfully, and still has need for an  
23 award may apply for an additional award under this  
24 section.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
2 404H of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
3 1070a–28) is amended by striking “\$200,000,000 for fis-  
4 cal year 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each  
5 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
6 “\$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may  
7 be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

8 **SEC. 305. LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PART-**  
9 **nership Program.**

10 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
11 415A(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
12 1070c(b)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2)  
13 and inserting the following:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
15 appropriated \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and  
16 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
17 succeeding fiscal years.

18 “(2) RESERVATION.—For any fiscal year for  
19 which the amount appropriated under paragraph  
20 (1)—

21 “(A) exceeds \$30,000,000, the excess  
22 amount up to and including \$67,000,000 shall  
23 be available to carry out section 415E; and

1           “(B) exceeds \$67,000,000, the excess  
2           amount shall be available to carry out section  
3           415F.”.

4           (b) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM STUDENT GRANTS.—  
5           Section 415C(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
6           (20 U.S.C. 1070c–2(b)(2)) is amended by striking  
7           “\$5,000” and inserting “\$12,500”.

8           (c) SPECIAL LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSIST-  
9           ANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 415E(a) of the  
10          Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070c–3a(a))  
11          is amended by striking “section 415A(b)(2)” and inserting  
12          “section 415A(b)(2)(A)”.

13          (d) GRANTS FOR ACCESS AND PERSISTENCE.—Sub-  
14          part 4 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act  
15          of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070c et seq.) is amended—

16                 (1) by redesignating section 415F as section  
17                 415G; and

18                 (2) by inserting after section 415E the fol-  
19                 lowing:

20          **“SEC. 415F. GRANTS FOR ACCESS AND PERSISTENCE.**

21                 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—From amounts reserved  
22                 under section 415A(b)(2)(B) for each fiscal year, the Sec-  
23                 retary shall make supplemental allotments among States  
24                 in the same manner as the Secretary makes allotments  
25                 among States under section 415B to pay the Federal

1 share of the cost of the authorized activities under sub-  
2 section (c).

3 “(b) APPLICATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(A) SUBMISSION.—A State that desires  
6 to receive a supplemental allotment under this  
7 section shall submit an application to the Sec-  
8 retary at such time, in such manner, and con-  
9 taining such information as the Secretary may  
10 require.

11 “(B) CONTENT.—An application submitted  
12 under subparagraph (A) shall include both of  
13 the following:

14 “(i) A description of the State’s plan  
15 for using the supplemental allotment  
16 funds.

17 “(ii) Assurances that the State will  
18 provide matching funds, from State, insti-  
19 tutional, philanthropic, or private funds, of  
20 not less than 33.33 percent of the cost of  
21 carrying out the activities under subsection  
22 (c). The State shall specify the methods by  
23 which matching funds will be paid and in-  
24 clude provisions designed to ensure that  
25 funds provided under this section will be



1           used to supplement, and not supplant,  
2           non-Federal funds available for carrying  
3           out the activities under subsection (c).

4           “(C) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall ap-  
5           prove and fund applications that meet the re-  
6           quirements of this section.

7           “(2) STATE AGENCY.—The State agency that  
8           submits an application for a State under section  
9           415C(a) shall be the same State agency that sub-  
10          mits an application under paragraph (1) for such  
11          State.

12          “(3) PARTNERSHIP.—

13                 “(A) MANDATORY PARTNERS.—In apply-  
14                 ing for a supplemental allotment under this sec-  
15                 tion, the State agency shall apply for a supple-  
16                 mental allotment in partnership with not less  
17                 than 1 public and 1 private degree granting in-  
18                 stitution of higher education that are located in  
19                 the State.

20                 “(B) PERMISSIVE PARTNERS.—In addition  
21                 to applying for a supplemental allotment under  
22                 this section in partnership with degree granting  
23                 institutions of higher education, a State agency  
24                 may also apply in partnership with philan-  
25                 thropic organizations that are located in the

1 State and private corporations that do business  
2 in the State.

3 “(c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

6 Each State receiving a supplemental allotment  
7 under this section shall use the funds to estab-  
8 lish a program to award access and persistence  
9 grants to eligible low-income students in order  
10 to increase the amount of financial assistance  
11 such students receive under this subpart for un-  
12 dergraduate education expenses.

13 “(B) AMOUNT.—

14 “(i) PARTNERSHIPS WITH LESS THAN  
15 A MAJORITY OF INSTITUTIONS IN THE  
16 STATE.—

17 “(I) IN GENERAL.—In the case  
18 where a State receiving a supple-  
19 mental allotment under this section is  
20 in a partnership described in subpara-  
21 graph (A) or (B) of subsection (d)(2),  
22 the amount of an access and persist-  
23 ence grant awarded by such State  
24 shall be not less than the amount that  
25 is equal to the average undergraduate

1 tuition and mandatory fees at 4-year  
2 public institutions of higher education  
3 in the State where the student resides  
4 (less any other government sponsored  
5 grant amount or scholarship amount,  
6 or both, received by the student) and  
7 such amount shall be used toward the  
8 cost of attendance at an institution of  
9 higher education, located in the State,  
10 that is a partner in the program.

11 “(II) COST OF ATTENDANCE.—A  
12 State that has a program, apart from  
13 the program under this section, of  
14 providing eligible low-income students  
15 with grants that are equal to the aver-  
16 age undergraduate tuition and man-  
17 datory fees at 4-year public institu-  
18 tions of higher education in the State,  
19 may increase the amount of access  
20 and persistence grants awarded by  
21 such State to an amount that is equal  
22 to the average cost of attendance at 4-  
23 year public institutions of higher edu-  
24 cation in the State.

1           “(ii) PARTNERSHIP WITH A MAJORITY  
2           OF INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE.—In the  
3           case where a State receiving a supple-  
4           mental allotment under this section is in a  
5           partnership described in subsection  
6           (d)(2)(C), the amount of an access and  
7           persistence grant awarded by such State  
8           shall be equal to the average cost of at-  
9           tendance at 4-year public institutions of  
10          higher education in the State where the  
11          student resides (less any other government  
12          sponsored grant amount or scholarship  
13          amount, or both, received by the student)  
14          and such amount shall be used by the stu-  
15          dent to attend an institution of higher edu-  
16          cation, located in the State, that is a part-  
17          ner in the program.

18          “(2) ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.—

19                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State receiving  
20                 a supplemental allotment under this section  
21                 shall—

22                         “(i) annually make a determination of  
23                         which students in grade 7 through grade  
24                         12 in the State are eligible to receive an  
25                         access and persistence grant if such stu-

1           dents graduate from secondary school and  
2           enroll at an institution of higher education  
3           that is a partner in the program; and

4           “(ii) notify such students of their eli-  
5           gibility to receive an access and persistence  
6           grant.

7           “(B) PRIORITY.—In determining which  
8           students are eligible to receive access and per-  
9           sistence grants, the State shall give priority to  
10          students—

11          “(i) with an expected family contribu-  
12          tion equal to zero (as described in section  
13          479(c));

14          “(ii) who are participating in, or have  
15          participated in, a Federal, State, institu-  
16          tional, or community early intervention  
17          program, as recognized by the State agen-  
18          cy administering the program; and

19          “(iii) who qualify for a free or reduced  
20          price lunch under the Richard B. Russell  
21          National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.  
22          1751 et seq.).

23          “(C) CONTENT OF NOTICE.—The notifica-  
24          tion under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall include—

1           “(i) information that a student’s can-  
2 didacy for an access and persistence grant  
3 is enhanced through participation in an  
4 early intervention program;

5           “(ii) information that the grant award  
6 shall be used toward the cost of attendance  
7 at an institution of higher education that  
8 is a partner in the program and therefore  
9 such award is contingent upon the stu-  
10 dent’s enrollment at such an institution;

11           “(iii) an estimation of the amount of  
12 financial aid a student awarded an access  
13 and persistence grant could expect to re-  
14 ceive, including an estimation of the  
15 amount of the access and persistence grant  
16 and an estimation of the amount of aid  
17 from the major Federal and State financial  
18 aid programs; and

19           “(iv) instructions on how to apply for  
20 an access and persistence grant.

21           “(3) GRANT AWARD.—If an eligible student, as  
22 determined under paragraph (2), has been accepted  
23 to an institution of higher education that is a part-  
24 ner in the program, the State shall—

1           “(A) notify the student of the amount of  
2           the access and persistence grant such student  
3           will receive if such student enrolls at such insti-  
4           tution; and

5           “(B) inform the student that the access  
6           and persistence grant will be awarded and  
7           grant funds will be distributed when such stu-  
8           dent enrolls at such institution.

9           “(4) DURATION OF AWARD.—An eligible stu-  
10          dent that receives an access and persistence grant  
11          under this section shall receive such grant award for  
12          each year of such student’s undergraduate edu-  
13          cation.

14          “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—

15                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
16                 cost of the authorized activities described in sub-  
17                 section (c) for any fiscal year shall be not more than  
18                 66.66 percent.

19                 “(2) FORMULA FOR FEDERAL SHARE.—In  
20                 awarding supplemental allotments under this sec-  
21                 tion, the Secretary shall provide a match of the non-  
22                 Federal funds provided by the State in accordance  
23                 with the following:

24                         “(A) If a State applies for a supplemental  
25                         allotment under this section in partnership with

1           only less than a majority of the degree granting  
2           institutions of higher education located in the  
3           State, then the Federal share shall be equal to  
4           50 percent of the cost of carrying out the activi-  
5           ties under subsection (c).

6           “(B) If a State applies for a supplemental  
7           allotment under this section in partnership with  
8           less than a majority of the degree granting in-  
9           stitutions of higher education located in the  
10          State, philanthropic organizations located in the  
11          State, and private corporations doing business  
12          in the State, then the Federal share shall be  
13          equal to 57 percent of the cost of carrying out  
14          the activities under subsection (c).

15          “(C) If a State applies for a supplemental  
16          allotment under this section in partnership with  
17          a majority of the degree granting institutions of  
18          higher education located in the State, philan-  
19          thropic organizations located in the State, and  
20          private corporations doing business in the  
21          State, then the Federal share shall be equal to  
22          66.66 percent of the cost of carrying out the ac-  
23          tivities under subsection (c).



1       “(e) APPLICABILITY RULE.—The provisions of this  
2 subpart which are not inconsistent with this section shall  
3 apply to the program authorized by this section.

4       “(f) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT.—  
5 Each State receiving a supplemental allotment under this  
6 section for a fiscal year shall provide the Secretary an as-  
7 surance that the aggregate amount expended per student  
8 or the aggregate expenditures by the State, from funds  
9 derived from non-Federal sources, for the authorized ac-  
10 tivities described in subsection (c) for the preceding fiscal  
11 year were not less than the amount expended per student  
12 or the aggregate expenditure by the State for the activities  
13 for the second preceding fiscal year.”.

14       **TITLE IV—OPPORTUNITIES AT**  
15       **HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITU-**  
16       **TIONS**

17       **SEC. 401. POSTBACCALAUREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS-**  
18       **PANIC AMERICANS.**

19       (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Title V of the  
20 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.)  
21 is amended—

22               (1) by redesignating part B as part C;

23               (2) by redesignating sections 511 through 518  
24 as sections 521 through 528, respectively; and

25               (3) by inserting after section 505 the following:

1    **“PART B—PROMOTING POSTBACCALAUREATE**  
2    **OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS**

3    **“SEC. 511. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

4       “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5           “(1) According to the United States Census, by  
6       the year 2050, 1 in 4 Americans will be of Hispanic  
7       origin.

8           “(2) Despite the dramatic increase in the His-  
9       panic population in the United States, the National  
10      Center for Education Statistics reported that in  
11      1999, Hispanics accounted for only 4 percent of the  
12      master’s degrees, 3 percent of the doctor’s degrees,  
13      and 5 percent of first-professional degrees awarded  
14      in the United States.

15          “(3) Although Hispanics constitute 10 percent  
16      of the college enrollment in the United States, they  
17      comprise only 3 percent of instructional faculty in  
18      colleges and universities.

19          “(4) The future capacity for research and ad-  
20      vanced study in the United States will require in-  
21      creasing the number of Hispanics pursuing  
22      postbaccalaureate studies.

23          “(5) Hispanic-serving institutions are leading  
24      the Nation in increasing the number of Hispanics  
25      attaining graduate and professional degrees.

1           “(6) Among Hispanics who received master’s  
2 degrees in 1999–2000, 25 percent earned them at  
3 Hispanic-serving institutions.

4           “(7) Between 1991 and 2000, the number of  
5 Hispanic students earning master’s degrees at His-  
6 panic-serving institutions grew 136 percent, the  
7 number receiving doctor’s degrees grew by 85 per-  
8 cent, and the number earning first-professional de-  
9 grees grew by 47 percent.

10           “(8) It is in the National interest to expand the  
11 capacity of Hispanic-serving institutions to offer  
12 graduate and professional degree programs.

13           “(9) Research is a key element in graduate edu-  
14 cation and undergraduate preparation, particularly  
15 in science and technology, and Congress desires to  
16 strengthen the role of research at Hispanic serving-  
17 institutions. University research, whether performed  
18 directly or through a university’s nonprofit research  
19 institute or foundation, is considered an integral  
20 part of the institution and mission of the university.

21           “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this part are—

22           “(1) to expand postbaccalaureate educational  
23 opportunities for, and improve the academic attain-  
24 ment of, Hispanic students; and

1           “(2) to expand and enhance the  
2 postbaccalaureate academic offerings of high quality  
3 that are educating the majority of Hispanic college  
4 students and helping large numbers of Hispanic stu-  
5 dents and low-income individuals complete postsec-  
6 ondary degrees.

7 **“SEC. 512. PROGRAM AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBILITY.**

8           “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Subject to the avail-  
9 ability of funds appropriated to carry out this part, the  
10 Secretary shall award competitive grants to eligible insti-  
11 tutions.

12           “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—For the purposes of this part, an  
13 ‘eligible institution’ means an institution of higher edu-  
14 cation that—

15           “(1) is a Hispanic-serving institution (as de-  
16 fined under section 502); and

17           “(2) offers a postbaccalaureate certificate or de-  
18 gree granting program.

19 **“SEC. 513. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.**

20           “Grants awarded under this part shall be used for  
21 1 or more of the following activities:

22           “(1) Purchase, rental, or lease of scientific or  
23 laboratory equipment for educational purposes, in-  
24 cluding instructional and research purposes.

1           “(2) Construction, maintenance, renovation,  
2           and improvement in classroom, library, laboratory,  
3           and other instructional facilities, including purchase  
4           or rental of telecommunications technology equip-  
5           ment or services.

6           “(3) Purchase of library books, periodicals,  
7           technical and other scientific journals, microfilm,  
8           microfiche, and other educational materials, includ-  
9           ing telecommunications program materials.

10           “(4) Support for needy postbaccalaureate stu-  
11           dents including outreach, academic support services,  
12           mentoring, scholarships, fellowships, and other fi-  
13           nancial assistance to permit the enrollment of such  
14           students in postbaccalaureate certificate and degree  
15           granting programs.

16           “(5) Support of faculty exchanges, faculty de-  
17           velopment, faculty research, curriculum development,  
18           and academic instruction.

19           “(6) Creating or improving facilities for Inter-  
20           net or other distance learning academic instruction  
21           capabilities, including purchase or rental of tele-  
22           communications technology equipment or services.

23           “(7) Collaboration with other institutions of  
24           higher education to expand postbaccalaureate certifi-  
25           cate and degree offerings.

1           “(8) Other activities proposed in the application  
2 submitted pursuant to section 514 that—

3           “(A) contribute to carrying out the pur-  
4 poses of this part; and

5           “(B) are approved by the Secretary as part  
6 of the review and acceptance of such applica-  
7 tion.

8 **“SEC. 514. APPLICATION AND DURATION.**

9           “(a) APPLICATION.—Any eligible institution may  
10 apply for a grant under this part by submitting an applica-  
11 tion to the Secretary at such time and in such manner  
12 as determined by the Secretary. Such application shall  
13 demonstrate how the grant funds will be used to improve  
14 postbaccalaureate education opportunities for Hispanic  
15 and low-income students and will lead to such students’  
16 greater financial independence.

17           “(b) DURATION.—Grants under this part shall be  
18 awarded for a period not to exceed 5 years.

19           “(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not award  
20 more than 1 grant under this part in any fiscal year to  
21 any Hispanic-serving institution.”.

22           (b) COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.—Section 524(a)  
23 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as redesignated by  
24 subsection (a)(2)) is amended by inserting “and section  
25 513” after “section 503”.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
2 528(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as redesi-  
3 gned by subsection (a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(a) AUTHORIZATIONS.—

5 “(1) PART A.—There are authorized to be ap-  
6 propriated to carry out part A of this title  
7 \$175,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as  
8 may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal  
9 years.

10 “(2) PART B.—There are authorized to be ap-  
11 propriated to carry out part B of this title  
12 \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as  
13 may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal  
14 years.”.

15 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title V of the  
16 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.)  
17 is amended—

18 (1) in section 502—

19 (A) in subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii), by striking  
20 “section 512(b)” and inserting “section  
21 522(b)”; and

22 (B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “sec-  
23 tion 512(a)” and inserting “section 522(a)”;

1           (2) in section 521(c)(6) (as redesignated by  
2           subsection (a)(2)), by striking “section 516” and in-  
3           serting “section 526”; and

4           (3) in section 526 (as redesignated by sub-  
5           section (a)(2)), by striking “section 518” and insert-  
6           ing “section 528”.

7 **SEC. 402. DEFINITIONS.**

8           Section 502(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
9 (20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)) is amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (5)—

11                 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
12                 “and” after the semicolon;

13                 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
14                 and” and inserting a period; and

15                 (C) by striking subparagraph (C); and

16           (2) by striking paragraph (7).

17 **SEC. 403. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.**

18           Section 503(b)(7) of the Higher Education Act of  
19 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101b(b)(7)) is amended to read as fol-  
20 lows:

21                 “(7) Articulation agreements and student sup-  
22                 port programs designed to facilitate the transfer  
23                 from 2-year to 4-year institutions.”.



1 **SEC. 404. ELIMINATION OF WAIT-OUT PERIOD.**

2 Section 504(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
3 (20 U.S.C. 1101c(a)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(a) AWARD PERIOD.—The Secretary may award a  
5 grant to a Hispanic-serving institution under this title for  
6 5 years.”.

7 **SEC. 405. APPLICATION PRIORITY.**

8 Section 521(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
9 (as redesignated by section 401(a)(2)) is amended by  
10 striking “(from funds other than funds provided under  
11 this title)”.

12 **TITLE V—HISTORICALLY BLACK**  
13 **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

14 **SEC. 501. PROFESSIONAL OR GRADUATE INSTITUTIONS.**

15 Section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
16 U.S.C. 1063b) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “busi-  
19 ness administration, computer or information  
20 science, nursing and allied health,” after “engi-  
21 neering,”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking  
23 “\$1,000,000” both places such term appears  
24 and inserting “\$1,500,000”;

25 (2) in subsection (d)(2), by striking  
26 “\$1,000,000” and inserting “\$1,500,000”;

1 (3) in subsection (e)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in subparagraph (Q), by striking  
4 “and” after the semicolon;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (R), by striking  
6 the period at the end and inserting a semi-  
7 colon; and

8 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(S) Alabama State University qualified  
11 graduate programs;

12 “(T) Albany State University qualified  
13 graduate programs;

14 “(U) Alcorn State University qualified  
15 graduate programs;

16 “(V) Bowie State University qualified  
17 graduate programs;

18 “(W) Coppin State University qualified  
19 graduate programs;

20 “(X) Delaware State University qualified  
21 graduate programs;

22 “(Y) Fayetteville State University qualified  
23 graduate programs;

24 “(Z) Fisk University qualified graduate  
25 programs;

1           “(AA) Grambling State University quali-  
2           fied graduate programs;

3           “(BB) Kentucky State University qualified  
4           graduate programs;

5           “(CC) Langston University qualified grad-  
6           uate programs;

7           “(DD) Lincoln University (MO) qualified  
8           graduate programs;

9           “(EE) Prairie View A&M University quali-  
10          fied graduate programs;

11          “(FF) South Carolina State University  
12          qualified graduate programs;

13          “(GG) Southern University & A&M College  
14          qualified graduate programs;

15          “(HH) University of the District of Colum-  
16          bia qualified graduate programs; and

17          “(II) Virginia State University qualified  
18          graduate programs.”; and

19          (B) in paragraph (2)—

20                 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
21                 “business administration, computer or in-  
22                 formation science, nursing and allied  
23                 health,” after “physical or natural  
24                 sciences,”; and

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
2 “not more than 10 percent” and inserting  
3 “not more than 30 percent”;

4 (4) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the  
5 following:

6 “(f) FUNDING RULE.—Subject to subsection (g), of  
7 the amount appropriated to carry out this section for any  
8 fiscal year—

9 “(1) the first \$26,600,000 (or any lesser  
10 amount appropriated) shall be available only for the  
11 purposes of making grants to institutions or pro-  
12 grams described in subparagraphs (A) through (P)  
13 of subsection (e)(1);

14 “(2) any amount in excess of \$26,600,000, but  
15 not in excess of \$28,600,000, shall be available for  
16 the purpose of making grants to institutions or pro-  
17 grams described in subparagraphs (Q) and (R) of  
18 subsection (e)(1);

19 “(3) any amount in excess of \$28,600,000, but  
20 not in excess of \$45,600,000, shall be available for  
21 the purpose of making grants to institutions or pro-  
22 grams described in subparagraphs (S) through (II)  
23 of subsection (e)(1);

24 “(4) any amount in excess of \$45,600,000, but  
25 not in excess of \$63,100,000, shall be available for

1 the purpose of increasing the grant amounts to not  
2 more than \$1,500,000 to each institution or pro-  
3 gram described in subparagraphs (A) through (II) of  
4 subsection (e)(1); and

5 “(5) any amount in excess of \$63,100,000,  
6 shall be made available to each of the institutions or  
7 programs identified in subparagraphs (A) through  
8 (II) of subsection (e)(1) pursuant to a formula de-  
9 veloped by the Secretary that uses the following ele-  
10 ments:

11 “(A) The ability of the institution to match  
12 Federal funds with non-Federal funds.

13 “(B) The number of students enrolled in  
14 the programs for which the eligible institution  
15 received funding under this section in the pre-  
16 vious year.

17 “(C) The average cost of education per  
18 student, for all full-time graduate or profes-  
19 sional students (or the equivalent) enrolled in  
20 the eligible professional or graduate school, or  
21 for doctoral students enrolled in the qualified  
22 graduate programs.

23 “(D) The number of students in the pre-  
24 vious year who received their first professional  
25 or doctoral degree from the programs for which

1 the eligible institution received funding under  
2 this section in the previous year.

3 “(E) The contribution, on a percent basis,  
4 of the programs for which the institution is eli-  
5 gible to receive funds under this section to the  
6 total number of African-Americans receiving  
7 graduate or professional degrees in the profes-  
8 sions or disciplines related to the programs for  
9 the previous year.”; and

10 (5) in subsection (g), by striking “paragraphs  
11 (2) and (3) of subsection (f)” and inserting “sub-  
12 section (f)”.

13 **SEC. 502. GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL DEGREE DEVEL-**  
14 **OPMENT PROGRAM.**

15 Part B of title III of the Higher Education Act of  
16 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1060 et seq.) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating section 327 as section 328;  
18 and

19 (2) by inserting after section 326 the following:

20 **“SEC. 327. GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL DEGREE DEVEL-**  
21 **OPMENT PROGRAM.**

22 “(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is author-  
23 ized to award grants to eligible historically Black colleges  
24 and universities to enable such colleges and universities  
25 to—

1           “(1) develop masters, doctoral, or professional  
2 degree programs; and

3           “(2) provide assistance, through fellowship  
4 awards, to graduate students at such colleges and  
5 universities.

6           “(b) ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT.—Eligibility to re-  
7 ceive grants under this section is limited to historically  
8 Black colleges and universities that are making a substan-  
9 tial contribution to the education of African-Americans.

10          “(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible historically Black  
11 college or university that desires to receive a grant under  
12 this section shall submit an application to the Secretary  
13 that—

14           “(1) demonstrates how the grant funds will be  
15 used to improve—

16           “(A) graduate educational opportunities  
17 for African-American and low-income students;  
18 and

19           “(B) the financial independence of such  
20 students;

21           “(2) provides, in the case of applications for  
22 grants in excess of \$500,000, the assurances re-  
23 quired by subsection (g) and specifies the manner in  
24 which the college or university is going to pay the  
25 non-Federal share of the cost of the application; and

1           “(3) contains such information as the Secretary  
2           may require.

3           “(d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
4           tion, the Secretary shall give priority consideration to  
5           those eligible historically Black colleges and universities  
6           desiring to support programs and graduate students in  
7           areas of national need or academic disciplines in which  
8           African-Americans are underrepresented.

9           “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible historically Black  
10          college or university that receives a grant under this sec-  
11          tion may use the grant funds for—

12                 “(1) purchase, rental, or lease of equipment for  
13                 educational purposes, including instructional and re-  
14                 search purposes;

15                 “(2) construction, maintenance, renovation, and  
16                 improvement in classroom, library, laboratory, and  
17                 other instructional facilities, including purchase or  
18                 rental of telecommunications technology equipment  
19                 or services;

20                 “(3) purchase of library books, periodicals,  
21                 journals, microfilm, microfiche, and other edu-  
22                 cational materials, including telecommunications  
23                 program materials;

24                 “(4) scholarships, fellowships, and other finan-  
25                 cial assistance for needy graduate and professional



1 students to permit the enrollment of the students in  
2 and completion of the graduate or professional de-  
3 gree; and

4 “(5) assistance in the establishment or mainte-  
5 nance of an institutional endowment to facilitate fi-  
6 nancial independence pursuant to section 331.

7 “(f) DURATION.—Grants shall be made for a period  
8 not to exceed 5 years.

9 “(g) FUNDING RULE.—No grant in excess of  
10 \$500,000 may be made under this section unless the col-  
11 lege or university provides assurances that 50 percent of  
12 the cost of the purposes for which the grant is made will  
13 be paid from non-Federal sources, except that no college  
14 or university shall be required to match any portion of  
15 the first \$500,000 of the college or university’s award  
16 from the Secretary.

17 “(h) TWO GRANTS PER INSTITUTION.—The Sec-  
18 retary may award not more than 2 grants or an aggregate  
19 amount of \$1,000,000 under this section in any fiscal year  
20 to any institution of higher education or university system.

21 “(i) INSTITUTIONAL CHOICE.—The president or  
22 chancellor of the college or university may select the pro-  
23 gram for which to seek funding.

24 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
25 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may  
2 be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

3 **SEC. 503. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS.—Section 323(a) of  
5 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1062(a))  
6 is amended by striking “section 360(a)(2)” and inserting  
7 “section 399(a)(2)(C)”.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 399(a) of the Higher  
9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1068h(a)) is amend-  
10 ed—

11 (1) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sec-  
13 tion 326” and inserting “sections 323 and  
14 326”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
16 “\$35,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, and such  
17 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4  
18 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
19 “\$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such  
20 sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
21 succeeding fiscal years”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(C) There are authorized to be appropriated to  
24 carry out section 323, \$250,000,000 for fiscal year

1 2006, and such sums as may be necessary for each  
2 of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”;

3 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$10,000,000  
4 for fiscal year 1999, and such sums as may be nec-  
5 essary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and  
6 inserting “\$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and  
7 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
8 succeeding fiscal years”; and

9 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “\$10,000,000  
10 for fiscal year 1999, and such sums as may be nec-  
11 essary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and  
12 inserting “\$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and  
13 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
14 succeeding fiscal years”.

15 **SEC. 504. PATSY T. MINK FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

16 Part A of title VII of the Higher Education Act of  
17 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1134 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subpart 4 as subpart 5;

19 (2) by redesignating section 731 as section 741;

20 (3) in section 741 (as redesignated by para-  
21 graph (2))—

22 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “and 3”  
23 and inserting “3, and 4”;

24 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “and 3”  
25 and inserting “3, and 4”; and

1 (C) in subsection (d), by striking “or 3”  
2 and inserting “3, or 4”; and

3 (4) by inserting after subpart 3 the following:

4 **“Subpart 4—Patsy T. Mink Fellowship Program**

5 **“SEC. 731. PURPOSE AND DESIGNATION.**

6 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this subpart to  
7 provide, through eligible institutions, a program of fellow-  
8 ship awards to assist highly qualified minorities and  
9 women to acquire the doctoral degree, or highest possible  
10 degree available, in academic areas in which such individ-  
11 uals are underrepresented for the purpose of enabling such  
12 individuals to enter the higher education professoriate.

13 “(b) DESIGNATION.—Each recipient of a fellowship  
14 award from an eligible institution receiving a grant under  
15 this subpart shall be known as a ‘Patsy T. Mink Graduate  
16 Fellow’.

17 **“SEC. 732. DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.**

18 “In this subpart, the term ‘eligible institution’ means  
19 an institution of higher education, or a consortium of such  
20 institutions, that offers a program of postbaccalaureate  
21 study leading to a graduate degree.

22 **“SEC. 733. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

23 “(a) GRANTS BY SECRETARY.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
25 grants to eligible institutions to enable such institu-

1 tions to make fellowship awards to individuals in ac-  
2 cordance with the provisions of this subpart.

3 “(2) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—In awarding  
4 grants under this subpart, the Secretary shall con-  
5 sider the eligible institution’s prior experience in  
6 producing doctoral degree, or highest possible degree  
7 available, holders who are minorities and women,  
8 and shall give priority consideration in making  
9 grants under this subpart to those eligible institu-  
10 tions with a demonstrated record of producing mi-  
11 norities and women who have earned such degrees.

12 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution that  
14 desires a grant under this subpart shall submit an  
15 application to the Secretary at such time, in such  
16 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-  
17 retary may require.

18 “(2) APPLICATIONS MADE ON BEHALF.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The following entities  
20 may submit an application on behalf of an eligi-  
21 ble institution:

22 “(i) A graduate school or department  
23 of such institution.

24 “(ii) A graduate school or department  
25 of such institution in collaboration with an

1           undergraduate college or university of such  
2           institution.

3           “(iii) An organizational unit within  
4           such institution that offers a program of  
5           postbaccalaureate study leading to a grad-  
6           uate degree, including an interdisciplinary  
7           or an interdepartmental program.

8           “(iv) A nonprofit organization with a  
9           demonstrated record of helping minorities  
10          and women earn postbaccalaureate de-  
11          grees.

12          “(B) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—Noth-  
13          ing in this paragraph shall be construed to per-  
14          mit the Secretary to award a grant under this  
15          subpart to an entity other than an eligible insti-  
16          tution.

17          “(c) SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS.—In awarding  
18          grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

19               “(1) take into account the number and distribu-  
20               tion of minority and female faculty nationally, as  
21               well as the current and projected need for highly  
22               trained individuals in all areas of the higher edu-  
23               cation professoriate;

24               “(2) take into account the number and distribu-  
25               tion of minority and female faculty nationally, as

1 well as the present and projected need for highly  
2 trained individuals in academic career fields in which  
3 minorities and women are underrepresented in the  
4 higher education professoriate; and

5 “(3) consider the need to prepare a large num-  
6 ber of minorities and women generally in academic  
7 career fields of high national priority, especially in  
8 areas in which such individuals are traditionally  
9 underrepresented in college and university faculties.

10 “(d) DISTRIBUTION AND AMOUNTS OF GRANTS.—

11 “(1) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding  
12 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, to  
13 the maximum extent feasible, ensure an equitable  
14 geographic distribution of awards and an equitable  
15 distribution among public and independent eligible  
16 institutions that apply for grants under this subpart  
17 and that demonstrate an ability to achieve the pur-  
18 pose of this subpart.

19 “(2) SPECIAL RULE.—To the maximum extent  
20 practicable, the Secretary shall use not less than 50  
21 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to sec-  
22 tion 736 to award grants to the following eligible in-  
23 stitutions:

24 “(A) Eligible institutions that are eligible  
25 for assistance under title III or title V.

1           “(B) Eligible institutions that are eligible  
2 institutions, as defined in section 312.

3           “(C) Eligible institutions that are Tribal  
4 Colleges or Universities, as defined in section  
5 316.

6           “(D) Eligible institutions that are Alaska  
7 Native-serving institutions, as defined in section  
8 317.

9           “(E) Eligible institutions that are Native-  
10 Hawaiian-serving institutions, as defined in sec-  
11 tion 317.

12           “(F) Eligible institutions that are part B  
13 institutions, as defined in section 322.

14           “(G) Eligible institutions that are eligible  
15 institutions, as defined in section 502.

16           “(H) Consortia of eligible institutions that  
17 are nonminority-serving institutions and eligible  
18 institutions that are minority-serving institu-  
19 tions.

20           “(3) ALLOCATION.—In awarding grants under  
21 this subpart, the Secretary shall allocate appropriate  
22 funds to those eligible institutions whose applications  
23 indicate an ability to significantly increase the num-  
24 bers of minorities and women entering the higher  
25 education professoriate and that commit institu-



1 tional resources to the attainment of the purpose of  
2 this subpart. An eligible institution that receives a  
3 grant under this subpart shall make not less than 15  
4 fellowship awards.

5 “(4) REALLOTMENT.—If the Secretary deter-  
6 mines that an eligible institution awarded a grant  
7 under this subpart is unable to use all of the grant  
8 funds awarded to the institution, the Secretary shall  
9 reallocate, on such date during each fiscal year as the  
10 Secretary may fix, the funds that are not usable to  
11 other eligible institutions that demonstrate that such  
12 institutions can use any reallocated grant funds to  
13 make fellowship awards to individuals under this  
14 subpart.

15 “(e) INSTITUTIONAL ALLOWANCE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

17 “(A) NUMBER OF ALLOWANCES.—In  
18 awarding grants under this subpart, the Sec-  
19 retary shall pay to each eligible institution  
20 awarded a grant, for each individual awarded a  
21 fellowship by such institution under this sub-  
22 part, an institutional allowance.

23 “(B) AMOUNT.—Except as provided in  
24 paragraph (3), an institutional allowance shall  
25 be in an amount equal to, for academic year

1           2005–2006 and succeeding academic years, the  
2           amount of institutional allowance made to an  
3           institution of higher education under section  
4           715.

5           “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Institutional allowances  
6           may be expended in the discretion of the eligible in-  
7           stitution and may be used to provide, except as pro-  
8           hibited under paragraph (4), academic support and  
9           career transition services for individuals awarded fel-  
10          lowships by such institution.

11          “(3) REDUCTION.—The institutional allowance  
12          paid under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the  
13          amount the institution charges and collects from a  
14          fellowship recipient for tuition and other expenses as  
15          part of the recipient’s instructional program.

16          “(4) USE FOR OVERHEAD PROHIBITED.—Funds  
17          made available pursuant to this subpart may not be  
18          used for general operational overhead of the aca-  
19          demic department or institution receiving funds  
20          under this subpart.

21       **“SEC. 734. FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS.**

22          “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—An eligible institution that  
23          receives a grant under this subpart shall use the grant  
24          funds to make fellowship awards to minorities and women

1 who are enrolled at such institution in a doctoral degree,  
2 or highest possible degree available, program and—

3 “(1) intend to pursue a career in instruction  
4 at—

5 “(A) an institution of higher education (as  
6 defined in section 101);

7 “(B) an institution of higher education (as  
8 defined in section 102(a)(1));

9 “(C) an institution of higher education  
10 outside the United States, as that term is de-  
11 scribed in section 102(a)(2); or

12 “(D) a proprietary institution of higher  
13 education (as defined in section 102(b)); and

14 “(2) sign an agreement with the Secretary  
15 agreeing to, within 5 years of receiving the doctoral  
16 degree, or highest possible degree available, begin  
17 employment at an institution described in paragraph  
18 (1) for 1 year for each year of fellowship assistance  
19 received under this subpart.

20 “(b) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If an individual who re-  
21 ceives a fellowship award under this subpart fails to com-  
22 ply with the agreement signed pursuant to subsection  
23 (a)(2), then the Secretary shall do 1 or both of the fol-  
24 lowing:

1           “(1) Require the individual to repay all or the  
2 applicable portion of the total fellowship amount  
3 awarded to the individual by converting the balance  
4 due to a loan at the interest rate applicable to loans  
5 made under part B of title IV.

6           “(2) Impose a fine or penalty in an amount to  
7 be determined by the Secretary.

8           “(c) WAIVER AND MODIFICATION.—

9           “(1) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall pro-  
10 mulgate regulations setting forth criteria to be con-  
11 sidered in granting a waiver for the service require-  
12 ment under subsection (a).

13           “(2) CONTENT.—The criteria under paragraph  
14 (1) shall include whether compliance with the service  
15 requirement by the fellowship recipient would be—

16                   “(A) inequitable and represent a substan-  
17 tial hardship; or

18                   “(B) deemed impossible because the indi-  
19 vidual is permanently and totally disabled at  
20 the time of the waiver request.

21           “(d) AMOUNT OF FELLOWSHIP AWARDS.—Fellow-  
22 ship awards under this subpart shall consist of a stipend  
23 in an amount equal to the level of support provided to  
24 the National Science Foundation graduate fellows, except  
25 that such stipend shall be adjusted as necessary so as not

1 to exceed the fellow's tuition and fees or demonstrated  
2 need (as determined by the institution of higher education  
3 where the graduate student is enrolled), whichever is  
4 greater.

5       “(e) **ACADEMIC PROGRESS REQUIRED.**—An indi-  
6 vidual shall not be eligible to receive a fellowship award—

7               “(1) except during periods in which such stu-  
8 dent is enrolled, and such student is maintaining  
9 satisfactory academic progress in, devoting essen-  
10 tially full time to, study or research in the pursuit  
11 of the degree for which the fellowship support was  
12 awarded; and

13               “(2) if the student is engaged in gainful em-  
14 ployment other than part-time employment involved  
15 in teaching, research, or similar activity determined  
16 by the institution to be consistent with and sup-  
17 portive of the student's progress toward the appro-  
18 priate degree.

19 **“SEC. 735. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

20       “Nothing in this subpart shall be construed to require  
21 an eligible institution that receives a grant under this sub-  
22 part to—

23               “(1) grant a preference or to differentially treat  
24 any applicant for a faculty position as a result of the

1 institution's participation in the program under this  
2 subpart; and

3 “(2) hire a Patsy T. Mink Fellow who com-  
4 pletes this program and seeks employment at such  
5 institution.

6 **“SEC. 736. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
8 this subpart \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such  
9 sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding  
10 fiscal years.”.

11 **TITLE VI—RECRUITMENT OF**  
12 **TEACHERS TO TEACH AT**  
13 **TRIBAL COLLEGES OR UNI-**  
14 **VERSITIES**

15 **SEC. 601. LOAN REPAYMENT OR CANCELLATION FOR INDI-**  
16 **VIDUALS WHO TEACH IN TRIBAL COLLEGES**  
17 **OR UNIVERSITIES.**

18 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This title may be cited as the  
19 “Tribal Colleges and Universities Teacher Loan Forgive-  
20 ness Act”.

21 (b) **PERKINS LOANS.**—

22 (1) **AMENDMENT.**—Section 465(a) of the High-  
23 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ee(a)) is  
24 amended—

25 (A) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (H), by striking  
2 “or” after the semicolon;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (I), by striking  
4 the period and inserting “; or”; and

5 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(J) as a full-time teacher at a Tribal College  
8 or University as defined in section 316(b).”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking “or  
10 (I)” and inserting “(I), or (J)”.

11 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
12 by paragraph (1) shall be effective for service per-  
13 formed during academic year 1998–1999 and suc-  
14 ceeding academic years, notwithstanding any con-  
15 trary provision of the promissory note under which  
16 a loan under part E of title IV of the Higher Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087aa et seq.) was  
18 made.

19 (c) FFEL AND DIRECT LOANS.—Part G of title IV  
20 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088  
21 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:





1                   “(C) 30 percent of such total amount, for  
2                   the fifth year of such employment.

3                   “(2) MAXIMUM.—The Secretary shall not repay  
4                   or cancel under this section more than \$15,000 in  
5                   the aggregate of loans made, insured, or guaranteed  
6                   under parts B and D for any student.

7                   “(3) TREATMENT OF CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—  
8                   A loan amount for a loan made under section 428C  
9                   may be a qualified loan amount for the purposes of  
10                  this subsection only to the extent that such loan  
11                  amount was used to repay a loan made, insured, or  
12                  guaranteed under part B or D for a borrower who  
13                  meets the requirements of subsection (a), as deter-  
14                  mined in accordance with regulations prescribed by  
15                  the Secretary.

16                  “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary is authorized to  
17                  issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out  
18                  the provisions of this section.

19                  “(d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall  
20                  be construed to authorize any refunding of any repayment  
21                  of a loan.

22                  “(e) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No bor-  
23                  rower may, for the same service, receive a benefit under  
24                  both this section and subtitle D of title I of the National

1 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571  
2 et seq.).

3 “(f) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
4 term ‘year’, when applied to employment as a teacher,  
5 means an academic year as defined by the Secretary.”.

6 **SEC. 602. AMOUNTS FORGIVEN NOT TREATED AS GROSS IN-**  
7 **COME.**

8 The amount of any loan that is assumed or canceled  
9 under an amendment made by this title shall not, con-  
10 sistent with section 108(f) of the Internal Revenue Code  
11 of 1986, be treated as gross income for Federal income  
12 tax purposes.

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