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[Report No. 111-207]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 13, 2010

Mr. Sanders (for himself, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Cardin) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

June 18, 2010

Reported by Mrs. BOXER, with amendments

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1	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2	tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4	This Act may be cited as the "Sustainable Schools
5	Pollution Reduction Act of 2010".
6	SEC. 2. SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS POLLUTION REDUCTION
7	GRANT PROGRAM.
8	Section 105 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7405)
9	is amended by adding at the end the following:
10	"(f) Sustainable Schools Pollution Reduc-
11	TION GRANT PROGRAM.—
12	"(1) Definitions.—In this subsection:
13	"(A) Elementary school; secondary
14	SCHOOL.—The terms 'elementary school' and
15	'secondary school' have the meanings given the
16	terms, respectively, in section 9101 of the Ele-
17	mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
18	(20 U.S.C. 7801).
19	"(B) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—The term 'eligi-
20	ble school' means—
21	"(i) a public elementary school or a
22	public secondary school; or
23	"(ii) a school district that encom-
24	passes a public elementary school or a pub-
25	lic secondary school.

1	"(C) Program.—The term 'program'
2	means the sustainable schools pollution reduc-
3	tion program established by paragraph (2)(A).
4	"(2) Program.—
5	"(A) Establishment.—There is estab-
6	lished within the Environmental Protection
7	Agency a sustainable schools pollution reduction
8	program.
9	"(B) Grants.—
10	"(i) In general.—In carrying out
11	the program, for each of fiscal years 2011
12	through 2015, the Administrator shall pro-
13	vide competitive grants to eligible schools
14	for use in implementing effective tech-
15	nologies to reduce air pollutants, including
16	greenhouse gas emissions.
17	"(ii) Criteria for selection of
18	GRANTEES.—The Administrator shall pro-
19	vide criteria for selection for grants under
20	the program, including criteria that en-
21	sure—
22	"(I) implementation of clean
23	technologies that reduce air pollution
24	and greenhouse gas emissions, and
25	offer additional benefits, such as—

1	"(aa) reduction of water
2	consumption or water pollution;
3	"(bb) promotion of distrib-
4	uted renewable energy tech-
5	nologies, such as solar, small-
6	scale or community-scale wind,
7	geothermal, biomass, and other
8	energy technologies; or
9	"(cc) demonstration of new
10	and innovative technologies; and
11	"(II) prioritization of projects
12	that provide opportunities for student
13	involvement in the project to be fund-
14	ed, including—
15	"(aa) project installation;
16	"(bb) project data moni-
17	toring; and
18	"(cc) incorporation of the
19	project into classroom curricula.
20	"(iii) Categories of grants and
21	MATCHING FUNDS.—Of the grant funds
22	provided under the program—
23	"(I) not less than 40 percent
24	shall be provided in amounts not to

1	exceed \$50,000 for each grant, with
2	no required matching share; and
3	"(II) the remaining funds shall
4	be provided—
5	"(aa) in amounts of not less
6	than \$50,000 but not to exceed
7	\$100,000 for each grant, with a
8	required non-Federal share of 20
9	percent; and
10	"(bb) in amounts that ex-
11	ceed \$100,000 but not to exceed
12	\$200,000, with a required non-
13	Federal share of 50 percent.
14	"(C) Reports.—Not later than 18 months
15	after the date on which funds are made avail-
16	able to carry out this subsection, and annually
17	thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to
18	Congress a report evaluating the implementa-
19	tion of the program, including, at a minimum,
20	a description of—
21	"(i) the number of grant applications
22	received;
23	"(ii) the number of grants funded, in-
24	cluding the amount of each grant funded;

1	"(iii) the types of technologies funded;
2	and
3	"(iv) the environmental, educational,
4	and financial benefits to eligible schools re-
5	ceiving the grants.
6	"(D) Allocations.—
7	"(i) States.—Notwithstanding the
8	other provision of this section, the Adminis-
9	trator shall ensure, in awarding grants
10	under this subsection, that at least 1 grant
11	shall be awarded to an eligible school in
12	each State if at least 1 eligible school in the
13	State has submitted an application that
14	meets the criteria described in subpara-
15	$graph\ (B)(ii).$
16	"(ii) Indian tribes.—Notwith-
17	standing any other provision of this sub-
18	section, before providing grants under this
19	subsection, the Administrator shall allocate
20	at least 2.0 percent of the total annual
21	amount made available to carry out this
22	subsection among Indian tribes, based on
23	$criteria\ described\ in\ subparagraph\ (B) (ii).$
24	"(E) Geographical and size dif-
25	Ferences.—In addition to applying the criteria

1	described in $subparagraph$ $(B)(ii)$, the $Adminis$ -
2	trator shall ensure geographical diversity among
3	grant awardees and ensure that grant awardees
4	reflect a variety of schools sizes.
5	" (F) (D) Authorization of Appropria-
6	TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
7	priated to carry out this subsection such sums
8	as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2011
9	through 2015.".

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