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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 1993

Mr. Engel (for himself, Mr. Foglietta, Mrs. Unsoeld, Mr. Ackerman, Mrs. Maloney, Mr. Stokes, and Mr. Owens), introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve arts education.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

"PART H—COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP"

"SEC. 4801. SHORT TITLE.

"This part may be cited as the 'Community Arts Partnership Act of 1993'."

"SEC. 4802. FINDINGS.

"Congress finds that—"
“(1) with local school budgets cut there are inadequate arts programs available for children in schools, especially at the elementary level;

“(2) the arts promote progress in academic subjects as shown by research conducted by the National Endowment for the Arts; and

“(3) children who receive instruction in the arts remain in school longer and are more successful than children who do not receive such instruction.

"SEC. 4803. PURPOSE.

"The purpose of this part is to make demonstration grants to eligible entities to improve the educational performance and future potential of at-risk children and youth by providing comprehensive and coordinated educational and cultural services.

"SEC. 4804. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to award grants to eligible entities to pay the Federal share of the costs of the activities described in section 4807.

“(b) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall award grants under this Act only to programs designed to—

“(1) promote educational and cultural services;

“(2) provide multi-year services to at-risk children and youth;"
“(3) serve the target population described in section 4806;

“(4) provide integration of community cultural resources in the regular curriculum;

“(5) focus school and cultural resources in the community on coordinated cultural services to address the needs of at-risk children and youth;

“(6) provide effective cultural linkages from preschool programs, including the Head Start Act and part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to elementary school;

“(7) facilitate school-to-work transition from secondary schools and alternative schools to job training, higher education, and employment;

“(8) increase parental and community involvement in the educational, social, and cultural development of at-risk youth; or

“(9) replicate programs and strategies that provide high quality coordinated educational and cultural services and that are designed to integrate such coordination into the regular curriculum.

“(c) REQUIREMENT OF COORDINATION.—Grants may only be awarded under this part to eligible entities that agree to coordinate activities carried out under other Federal, State, and local grants, received by the members
of the partnership for purposes and target populations described in this part, into an integrated service delivery system located at a school, cultural, or other community-based site accessible to and utilized by at-risk youth.

"(d) DURATION.—Grants made under this part may be renewable for a maximum of 5 years if the Secretary determines that the eligible recipient has made satisfactory progress toward the achievement of the program objectives described in the application.

"(e) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding grants under this part, the Secretary shall ensure—

"(1) an equitable geographic distribution; and

"(2) an equitable distribution to both urban and rural areas with a high proportion of at-risk youth as defined in section 4806.

"SEC. 4805. ELIGIBILITY.

"(a) SERVICES FOR IN-SCHOOL YOUTH.—For the purposes of providing a grant under this part to serve in-school children and youth, the term "eligible entity" means a partnership between a local education agency that is eligible for funds under chapter 1 of title I of this Act, and at least 1 institution of higher education or cultural entity located within or accessible to the geographical boundaries of the local education agency with a history
of providing quality services to the community, and which
may include—

“(1) nonprofit institutions of higher education,
museums, and libraries; and zoological and botanical
facility.

“(2) private for-profit entities with a history of
training children and youth in the arts.

“(b) SERVICES FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.—For
purposes of providing a grant under this part to serve out-
of-school youth, the term ‘eligible entity’ means a partner-
ship between at least 1 entity of the type described in
paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a), or a local education
agency eligible for funds under chapter 1 of title I of this
Act and at least 1 cultural entity described in subsec-
tion (a).

“SEC. 4806. TARGET POPULATION.

“In order to receive a grant under this part, an eligi-
ble entity shall serve—

“(1) students enrolled in schools in participat-
ing schoolwide projects assisted under chapter 1 of
title I of this Act and the families of such students;
or

“(2) out-of-school youth at risk of having lim-
ited future options as a result of teenage pregnancy
and parenting, substance abuse, recent migration,
disability, limited English proficiency, family migration, illiteracy, being the child of a teen parent, living in a single parent household, or being a high school dropout; or

"(3) any combination of in school and out-of-school at-risk youth.

"SEC. 4807. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

"(a) In General.—Funds made under this part may be used—

"(1) to plan, develop, acquire, expand, and improve school-based or community-based coordinated educational and cultural programs to strengthen the educational performance and future potential of in-school and out-of-school at-risk youth through cooperative agreements, contracts for services, or administrative coordination;

"(2) to provide at-risk students with integrated cultural activities designed to develop a love of learning to ensure the smooth transition of preschool children to elementary school;

"(3) to design collaborative cultural activities for students in secondary or alternative schools that ensure the smooth transition to job training, higher education, or full employment;
“(4) to provide child care for children of at-risk students who would not otherwise be able to participate in the program;

“(5) to provide transportation necessary for participation in the program;

“(6) to develop curriculum materials in the arts;

“(7) for staff development activities that encourage the integration of the arts into the curriculum;

“(8) for stipends that allow local artists to work with at-risk children and youth in the schools;

“(9) for cultural programs that encourage the active participation of parents in their children’s education;

“(10) for programs that use the arts to reform current school practices, including lengthening the school day or academic year;

“(11) for appropriate equipment and necessary supplies; and

“(12) for evaluation, administration, and supervision.

“(b) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance under this part, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities that provide comprehensive services that extend beyond
traditional school or service hours, that may include year-
round programs that provide services in the evenings and
on weekends.

"(c) PLANNING GRANTS.—

"(1) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity may submit an application to the Secretary for a plan-
ing grants for an amount not to exceed $50,000. Such grants shall be for periods of not more than
1 year.

"(2) LIMIT ON PLANNING GRANTS.—Not more than 10 percent of the amounts appropriated in each
fiscal year under this part shall be used for grants under this subsection, and an eligible entity may re-
ceive not more than 1 such planning grant.

"SEC. 4808. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity desiring a grant under this part shall submit an application to the
Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably
require.

"(b) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted pursu-
ant to subsection (a) shall—

"(1) describe the cultural entities or entities that
will participate in the partnership;

"(2) describe the target population to be served;
“(3) describe the services to be provided;

“(4) describe a plan for evaluating the success of the program;

“(5) describe, for a local educational agency participant, how services will be perpetuated beyond the length of the grant;

“(6) describe the manner in which the eligible entity will improve the educational achievement or future potential of at-risk youth through more effective coordination of cultural services in the community;

“(7) describe the overall and operational goals of the program; and

“(8) describe the nature and location of all planned sites where services will be delivered and a description of services which will be provided at each site.

“SEC. 4809. PAYMENTS; FEDERAL SHARE.

“(a) PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall pay to each eligible entity having an application approved under section 4808 the Federal share of the cost of the activities described in the application.

“(b) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The amount of a grant made under this part may not be less than $100,000 or exceed $500,000 in the first year of such grant.
"(e) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share shall be 80 percent.

"(d) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share shall be equal to 20 percent and may be in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities or services.

"(e) LIMITATION.—Not more than 25 percent of any grant under this part may be used for noninstructional services such as those described in paragraphs 4, 5, and 12 of section 4807(a).

"(f) SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant funds awarded under this part shall be used to supplement not supplant the amount of funds made available from non-Federal sources, for the activities assisted under this part, in amounts that exceed the amounts expended for such activities in the year preceding the year for which the grant is awarded.

"(g) DISSEMINATION OF MODELS.—The Secretary shall disseminate information concerning successful models under this part through the National Diffusion Network.

"SEC. 4810. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS.

"There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part, $50,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, $75,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 1998."