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The Senate has named the entire Labor and Human Resources Committee to the Conference on S.143, the Workforce Development Act and H.R.1617, the Careers Act.

Please find enclosed the Senate and House passed versions of the respective bills. These are the two documents which are currently being broken down into the side-by-side by the Majority staff.

There was "hope" expressed by the Majority that staff meetings might be able to begin around November 1, with a target of completing action around Thanksgiving. Now that I have stated this "hope" it seems uncertain that staff meetings will be able to begin by the 1st since documents remain in the preparation stage. We will be carefully reviewing the final Conference documents to make sure they accurately reflect the two measures.

I will provide to you any additional documents I receive and will give you scheduling updates as they are provided by the majority staff.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or information you are hearing. 4-5441

Stay tuned.
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 5), 1995

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

AN ACT

To consolidate and reform workforce development and literacy programs, 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,
TITLE IV—ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY CONSOLIDATION GRANT AND LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY CONSOLIDATION GRANT

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TITLE VII—REPEALERS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS

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Sec. 702. Eligible institution.
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Sec. 707. Adult Education Act.
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Sec. 711. Job Training Partnership Act.
(H) Making grants to State or regional networks of literacy resource centers described in section 432(a)(3)(D).

(I) Other activities to enhance the quality of adult education and family literacy programs nationwide.

(2) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may carry out the activities described in paragraph (1) directly or through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements.

Subtitle B—Library Services and Technology Consolidation Grant

SEC. 451. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this subtitle are—

(1) to consolidate Federal library service programs;

(2) to improve public access to information through electronic networks; and

(3) to provide linkages among and between libraries and integrated career center systems.

SEC. 452. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subtitle $110,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2002.
(b) ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUNDING.—For the purpose of affording adequate notice of funding available under this subtitle, an appropriation to carry out this subtitle is authorized to be included in an appropriation Act for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which such appropriation is first available for obligation.

SEC. 453. ALLOTMENTS.

(a) INITIAL ALLOTMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appropriated under section 452 for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot—

(A) $40,000 each to Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands; and

(B) $200,000 to each of the other States.

(2) RATABLE REDUCTION.—If the sums appropriated under section 452 for any fiscal year are insufficient to pay all of the allotments under paragraph (1), each such allotment shall be ratably reduced.

(b) ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—From the remainder of the sums appropriated under section 452 for any fiscal year after the application of subsection (a), the Secretary shall allot to each State an amount which

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bears the same ratio to such remainder as the population of the State bears to the population of all States.

(2) DETERMINATION OF POPULATION OF STATES.—For the purpose of this subsection, the population of each State, and the total population of all States, shall be determined by the Secretary on the basis of the most recent census data available to the Secretary, and the Secretary shall use for such purpose, if available, the annual interim current census data produced by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to section 181 of title 13, United States Code.

SEC. 454. GRANTS TO STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make a grant for a fiscal year to a State if the State—

(1) has submitted to the Secretary for the year an annual application that has been approved by the Secretary under section 456; and

(2) has entered into a written agreement with the Secretary that—

(A) the State will provide 100 percent of the funds paid to the State under this subtitle for the year to the State library administrative agency for the State;
(B) such agency will be required to use such funds to carry out activities that—

(i) are described in such annual application;

(ii) achieve the purposes of this sub-title; and

(iii) satisfy the requirements of section 455;

(C) there will be available from State and local sources for expenditure by such agency to carry out such activities an amount that equals or exceeds 25 percent of the total cost (as determined by the Secretary) of carrying out such activities for the year; and

(D) such agency has the fiscal and legal authority and capability to administer all aspects of such activities.

(b) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The amount of a grant to a State under subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall equal the lesser of the following:

(1) The sum of the initial and additional allotments of the State for the year.

(2) 75 percent of the total cost (as determined by the Secretary) of carrying out the activities described in subsection (a)(2)(B) for the year.
SEC. 455. USES OF FUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds provided to a State library administrative agency under section 454(a)(2)(A), the agency shall expend (either directly or through subgrants or cooperative agreements) at least 97 percent for one or more of the following purposes:

(1) Electronically connecting libraries with integrated career center systems designated or established under section 107 and local service providers receiving grants under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 432(a).

(2) Establishing or enhancing linkages among libraries.

(3) Assisting libraries in accessing information through electronic networks.

(4) Encouraging libraries in different Federal, State, and local jurisdictions, and different types of libraries, to establish consortia and share resources.

(5) Paying costs for libraries to acquire or share computer systems and telecommunications technologies.

(6) Improving library and information services for individuals who have difficulty using a library or who need special library materials or services, including individuals under the age of 18.
(b) **Administrative Expenses.**—In any fiscal year, a State library administrative agency may use not more than 3 percent of the funds provided to the agency under section 454(a)(2)(A) for planning, administration, evaluations, and interagency coordination associated with a grant under this subtitle.

**Sec. 456. Annual Applications.**

(a) **Submission.**—A State that desires to receive a grant under this subtitle for a fiscal year shall submit to the Secretary, in such form and manner and before such deadline as the Secretary shall specify in regulations, an application for such year. Such application shall—

(1) establish goals, and specify priorities, for the State consistent with the purposes of this subtitle;

(2) describe activities that are consistent with such goals and priorities, the purposes of this subtitle, and the requirements of section 455 that the State library administrative agency will carry out during such year using such grant;

(3) describe the procedures that such agency will use to carry out such activities;

(4) describe the methodology that such agency will use to evaluate the success of such activities in achieving such goals and meeting such priorities;
(5) describe procedures that such agency will use to involve libraries and library users throughout the State in policy decisions regarding implementation of this subtitle; and

(6) provide assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that such agency will make such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Secretary may reasonably require to carry out this subtitle and to determine the extent to which funds provided under this subtitle have been effective in carrying out its purposes.

(b) APPROVAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall approve each application submitted under subsection (a) that satisfies the requirements of the subsection.

(2) RIGHTS OF STATES UPON DISAPPROVAL.—If the Secretary determines that an application submitted by a State under subsection (a) does not satisfy the requirements of such subsection, the Secretary shall—

(A) immediately notify the State of such determination and the reasons for such determination; and

(B) offer the State an opportunity to revise its application to correct any deficiencies.
(C) in section 1206(a)(1)(A), by striking “the Adult Education Act;” and inserting “title IV of the CAREERS Act;”; and

(D) in section 9161(2), by striking “section 312(2) of the Adult Education Act.” and inserting “section 5 of the CAREERS Act.”.

(2) TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION ACT.—The Technology for Education Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.) is amended in section 3113(1) by striking “section 312 of the Adult Education Act;” and inserting “section 5 of the CAREERS Act;”.

SEC. 708. NATIONAL LITERACY ACT.

The National Literacy Act of 1991, except section 101 of such Act, is repealed.

SEC. 709. LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Library Services and Construction Act (20 U.S.C. 351 et seq.) is repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The Technology for Education Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.) is amended in section 3113(10) by striking “section 3 of the Library Services and Construction Act;” and inserting “section 5 of the CAREERS Act;”.

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