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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________________

A BILL

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2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
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4 This Act may be cited as the “Dual Credit Innovation Act”. 

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS DUAL CREDIT INNOVATION AWARD.

(a) Dual Credit Priority.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall, on a competitive basis, recognize eligible partnerships with high-quality dual credit programs with a “Dual Credit Innovation Award” which shall be an award under the National Blue Ribbon Schools program of the Department of Education.

(b) Application and Selection Process.—To be eligible to be recognized under subsection (a), an eligible partnership shall submit an application under the National Blue Ribbon Schools program of the Department of Education.

(c) Non-Monetary Value.—The award and recognition established under this Act may not have monetary value.

(d) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Dual Credit Program.—The term “dual credit program” means a program offered by an eligible partnership through which a secondary school student who has not graduated from high school with a regular high school diploma is able to enroll in one or more postsecondary courses and earn post-secondary credit that—
(A) is transferable to the institutions of
higher education in the partnership; and

(B) applies toward completion of a degree
or recognized educational credential as de-
dscribed in the Higher Education Act of 1965
(20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—The term “eligi-
ble partnership” means a partnership between—

(A) at least one institution of higher edu-
cation (as defined in section 101 of the Higher
Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001) that
provides a dual credit program; and

(B) at least one—

(i) local educational agency (as de-
defined in section 8101 of the Elementary
and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
U.S.C. 7801); or

(ii) high school.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
the Secretary of Education.