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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to recognize high schools and local educational agencies for expanding high-quality dual credit programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to recognize high schools and local educational agencies for expanding high-quality dual credit programs.

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 “Dual Credit Innovation
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS DUAL CREDIT**
2 **INNOVATION AWARD.**

3 (a) DUAL CREDIT PRIORITY.—Not later than 1 year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
5 thereafter, the Secretary shall, on a competitive basis, rec-
6 ognize eligible partnerships with high-quality dual credit
7 programs with a “Dual Credit Innovation Award” which
8 shall be an award under the National Blue Ribbon Schools
9 program of the Department of Education.

10 (b) APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS.—To be
11 eligible to be recognized under subsection (a), an eligible
12 partnership shall submit an application under the Na-
13 tional Blue Ribbon Schools program of the Department
14 of Education.

15 (c) NON-MONETARY VALUE.—The award and rec-
16 ognition established under this Act may not have mone-
17 tary value.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM.—The term “dual
20 credit program” means a program offered by an eli-
21 gible partnership through which a secondary school
22 student who has not graduated from high school
23 with a regular high school diploma is able to enroll
24 in one or more postsecondary courses and earn post-
25 secondary credit that—

1 (A) is transferable to the institutions of
2 higher education in the partnership; and

3 (B) applies toward completion of a degree
4 or recognized educational credential as de-
5 scribed in the Higher Education Act of 1965
6 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

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

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

13 (B) at least one—

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

18 (ii) high school.

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