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1ST SESSION

H. R. 58

To promote green schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. CARNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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 “Green Schools Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GREEN SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-
7 vironmental Protection Agency shall establish a program
8 for making grants of up to \$10,000 per project to local
9 educational agencies for projects for green school con-
10 struction and improvements.

1 (b) MATCHING FUNDS.—A grant shall be made for
2 a project under subsection (a) only if at least 50 percent
3 of the costs of the project will be paid from non-Federal
4 sources.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

6 (1) the term “green school construction and im-
7 provements” means construction methods, systems,
8 technologies, or facility improvements that create a
9 healthy learning environment while saving natural
10 resources and money, including—

11 (A) sustainable site improvements;

12 (B) water conservation strategies or sys-
13 tems;

14 (C) energy conservation strategies or sys-
15 tems;

16 (D) sustainable materials, including low-
17 emitting, reused, recycled, regionally harvested,
18 and rapidly renewable materials; and

19 (E) strategies or systems that improve in-
20 door environmental quality, including improve-
21 ments to acoustics, ventilation, thermal com-
22 fort, daylighting, and mold prevention; and

23 (2) the term “local educational agency” has the
24 meaning given that term in section 9101 of the Ele-

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to obligations issued after De-
3 cember 31, 2008.

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