

# SCHOOL FACILITIES-RELATED LEGISLATION IN CURRENT CONGRESS

June, 2007

## S. 912

### America's Better Classroom Act of 2007

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. KERRY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

**Latest Major Action:** 3/19/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## H. R. 2470

### America's Better Classrooms Act of 2007

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools. Rep Charles Rangel [D-NY] 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.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/24/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: 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.

#### COSPONSORS

Rep. Neil Abercrombie [D-HI]	Rep. Elijah Cummings [D-MD]	Rep. Tim Holden [D-PA]
Rep. Robert Andrews [D-NJ]	Rep. Artur Davis [D-AL]	Rep. Rush Holt [D-NJ]
Rep. Michael Arcuri [D-NY]	Rep. Danny Davis [D-IL]	Rep. Michael Honda [D-CA]
Rep. Joe Baca [D-CA]	Rep. Lincoln Davis [D-TN]	Rep. Darlene Hooley [D-OR]
Rep. John Barrow [D-GA]	Rep. Susan Davis [D-CA]	Rep. Jay Inslee [D-WA]
Rep. Xavier Becerra [D-CA]	Rep. Peter DeFazio [D-OR]	Rep. Steve Israel [D-NY]
Rep. Shelley Berkley [D-NV]	Rep. Rosa DeLauro [D-CT]	Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee [D-TX]
Rep. Howard Berman [D-CA]	Rep. Norman Dicks [D-WA]	Rep. William Jefferson [D-LA]
Rep. Robert Berry [D-AR]	Rep. Michael Doyle [D-PA]	Rep. Eddie Johnson [D-TX]
Rep. Sanford Bishop [D-GA]	Rep. Thomas Edwards [D-TX]	Rep. Stephanie Jones [D-OH]
Rep. Timothy Bishop [D-NY]	Rep. Keith Ellison [D-MN]	Rep. Steve Kagen [D-WI]
Rep. Earl Blumenauer [D-OR]	Rep. Rahm Emanuel [D-IL]	Rep. Dale Kildee [D-MI]
Rep. Leonard Boswell [D-IA]	Rep. Eliot Engel [D-NY]	Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick [D-MI]
Rep. Frederick Boucher [D-VA]	Rep. Philip English [R-PA]	Rep. Ronald Kind [D-WI]
Rep. Nancy Boyda [D-KS]	Rep. Anna Eshoo [D-CA]	Rep. Dennis Kucinich [D-OH]
Rep. Bruce Braley [D-IA]	Rep. Bob Etheridge [D-NC]	Rep. Ray LaHood [R-IL]
Rep. Corrine Brown [D-FL]	Rep. Sam Farr [D-CA]	Rep. Nicholas Lampson [D-TX]
Rep. George Butterfield [D-NC]	Rep. Michael Ferguson [R-NJ]	Rep. John Larson [D-CT]
Rep. Shelley Capito [R-WV]	Rep. Bob Filner [D-CA]	Rep. Sander Levin [D-MI]
Rep. Lois Capps [D-CA]	Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY]	Rep. John Lewis [D-GA]
Rep. Dennis Cardoza [D-CA]	Rep. Charles Gonzalez [D-TX]	Rep. Frank LoBiondo [R-NJ]
Rep. Kathy Castor [D-FL]	Rep. Barton Gordon [D-TN]	Rep. David Loebsack [D-IA]
Rep. Ben Chandler [D-KY]	Rep. Al Green [D-TX]	Rep. Nita Lowey [D-NY]
Rep. Yvette Clarke [D-NY]	Rep. Raymond Green [D-TX]	Rep. Stephen Lynch [D-MA]
Rep. William Clay [D-MO]	Rep. Raul Grijalva [D-AZ]	Rep. Carolyn Maloney [D-NY]
Rep. Emanuel Cleaver [D-MO]	Rep. Phil Hare [D-IL]	Rep. Jim Matheson [D-UT]
Rep. John Conyers [D-MI]	Rep. Alcee Hastings [D-FL]	Rep. Doris Matsui [D-CA]
Rep. Joseph Crowley [D-NY]	Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin [D-SD]	Rep. Carolyn McCarthy [D-NY]
Rep. Henry Cuellar [D-TX]	Rep. Brian Higgins [D-NY]	Rep. Betty McCollum [D-MN]
	Rep. Rubén Hinojosa [D-TX]	
	Rep. Mazie Hirono [D-HI]	

Rep. James McDermott [D-WA]  
Rep. James McGovern [D-MA]  
Rep. John McHugh [R-NY]  
Rep. Mike McIntyre [D-NC]  
Rep. Michael McNulty [D-NY]  
Rep. Martin Meehan [D-MA]  
Rep. Kendrick Meek [D-FL]  
Rep. Michael Michaud [D-ME]  
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Rep. Dennis Moore [D-KS]  
Rep. James Moran [D-VA]  
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Rep. Grace Napolitano [D-CA]  
Rep. Richard Neal [D-MA]  
Del. Eleanor Norton [D-DC]  
Rep. John Olver [D-MA]  
Rep. Solomon Ortiz [D-TX]  
Rep. Frank Pallone [D-NJ]  
Rep. William Pascrell [D-NJ]  
Rep. Edward Pastor [D-AZ]  
Rep. Donald Payne [D-NJ]  
Rep. Ed Perlmutter [D-CO]

Rep. Earl Pomeroy [D-ND]  
Rep. David Price [D-NC]  
Rep. Nick Rahall [D-WV]  
Rep. James Ramstad [R-MN]  
Rep. Silvestre Reyes [D-TX]  
Rep. Ciro Rodriguez [D-TX]  
Rep. Mike Ross [D-AR]  
Rep. Steven Rothman [D-NJ]  
Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger [D-MD]  
Rep. Bobby Rush [D-IL]  
Rep. John Salazar [D-CO]  
Rep. Linda Sánchez [D-CA]  
Rep. Loretta Sanchez [D-CA]  
Rep. James Saxton [R-NJ]  
Rep. Janice Schakowsky [D-IL]  
Rep. Allyson Schwartz [D-PA]  
Rep. David Scott [D-GA]  
Rep. Robert Scott [D-VA]  
Rep. Carol Shea-Porter [D-NH]  
Rep. Brad Sherman [D-CA]  
Rep. Heath Shuler [D-NC]  
Rep. Michael Simpson [R-ID]

Rep. Louise Slaughter [D-NY]  
Rep. Adam Smith [D-WA]  
Rep. John Spratt [D-SC]  
Rep. Fortney Stark [D-CA]  
Rep. Betty Sutton [D-OH]  
Rep. Ellen Tauscher [D-CA]  
Rep. Lee Terry [R-NE]  
Rep. Bennie Thompson [D-MS]  
Rep. Michael Thompson [D-CA]  
Rep. John Tierney [D-MA]  
Rep. Tom Udall [D-NM]  
Rep. Christopher Van Hollen [D-MD]  
Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz [D-FL]  
Rep. Diane Watson [D-CA]  
Rep. Melvin Watt [D-NC]  
Rep. Henry Waxman [D-CA]  
Rep. Gerald Weller [R-IL]  
Rep. Robert Wexler [D-FL]  
Rep. Lynn Woolsey [D-CA]  
Rep. David Wu [D-OR]  
Rep. Albert Wynn [D-MD]

#### SUMMARY:

America's Better Classroom Act of 2007 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a tax credit for investment in qualified public school modernization bonds, defined to include: (1) bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land for such facility (qualified school construction bonds); (2) bonds to finance certain academic programs below the postsecondary level in empowerment zones or enterprise communities (qualified zone academy bonds); and (3) bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of certain Indian tribal schools (qualified tribal school modernization bonds). Establishes a national limitation on the issuance of such bonds and provides for the allocation of bond amounts among the states according to a specified formula. Limits the term of such bonds to 15 years and terminates the authority for issuance of such bonds after September 30, 2008 (December 31, 2013, for qualified tribal school modernization bonds).

Amends the General Education Provisions Act to apply certain labor standards to public school construction projects financed by this Act.

Amends the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to require states to establish employment and training programs relating to the construction or reconstruction of public school facilities

#### **Summary: The America's Better Classroom Act of 2007:**

- Provides a federal tax credit to bond holders to pay the interest on local school bonds.
- Will leverage about \$25 billion in bonds for school construction.
- The state or school district would only be responsible for repaying the principal.
- Deficit-neutral, does not raise taxes.
- Based on the successful Qualified Zone Academy Board (QZAB) initiative.
- Bipartisan, sponsored by the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee

## **S. 1542**

### **Investing for Tomorrow's Schools Act of 2007**

To establish State infrastructure banks for education, and for other purposes.

Mrs. CLINTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

**Latest Major Action:** 6/5/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **H. R. 2573**

### **Investing for Tomorrow's Schools Act of 2007**

To establish State infrastructure banks for education.

Mrs. TAUSCHER [D-CA] introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

COSPONSORS:

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy [D-NY]

Rep. Grace Napolitano [D-CA]

Rep. Adam Schiff [D-CA]

**Latest Major Action:** 6/5/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **H. R. 1862**

### **Expand and Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2007**

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage new school construction through the creation of a new class of bond.

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Cosponsors Rep Ronald Paul [R-TX]

**Latest Major Action:** 4/16/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

SUMMARY:

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a nonrefundable tax credit to holders of school construction bonds. Sets forth requirements for issues of school construction bonds, including that: (1) 95% of the proceeds of such bonds must be used to construct new elementary and secondary school facilities and provide equipment for such schools; (2) local education agencies must require private business contributions of not less than 10% of the proceeds of an issue; and (3) bonds must be used for schools which meet specified criteria relating to curriculum, the alleviation of classroom overcrowding, and student-teacher ratios. Provides for a national school construction bond limitation of \$400 million in 2008 and 2009.

## **S. 506**

To improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

Cosponsors

Sen. Barbara Boxer [D-CA]

Sen. Benjamin Cardin [D-MD]

Sen. Hillary Clinton [D-NY]

Sen. Christopher Dodd [D-CT]

Sen. Dianne Feinstein [D-CA]

Sen. John Kerry [D-MA]

Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN]

Sen. Joseph Lieberman [I-CT]

Sen. Richard Lugar [R-IN]

Sen. Robert Menéndez [D-NJ]

Sen. Bernard Sanders [I-VT]

Sen. Olympia Snowe [R-ME]

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse [D-RI]

### **TITLE II--HEALTHY HIGH-PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS**

Sec. 201. Definition of high-performance school.

Sec. 202. Grants for healthy school environments.

- Sec. 203. Model guidelines for siting of school facilities.
- Sec. 204. Public outreach.
- Sec. 205. Environmental health program.
- Sec. 206. Authorization of appropriations.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/6/2007 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S 506, "THE HIGH PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT OF 2007", IS MOVING TO THE SENATE FLOOR TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH, AS A SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE "ENERGY BILL". THE ENERGY BILL (HR 6 and its Senate substitute with your amendment) WILL BE DEBATED ON THE FLOOR FOR 1-2 WEEKS.

## H. R. 318

To amend the Impact Aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve the distribution of school construction payments to better meet the needs of military and Indian land school districts.

Mr. Terry introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor  
**Latest Major Action:** 5/9/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

SPONSOR: Rep. Lee Terry [R-NE]

COSPONSORS:

Rep. Marsha Blackburn [R-TN]

Rep. Frank Pallone [D-NJ]

Rep. Bob Etheridge [D-NC]

Rep. Ronald Paul [R-TX]

Rep. Raul Grijalva [D-AZ]

Rep. James Saxton [R-NJ]

Rep. Robin Hayes [R-NC]

### SUMMARY:

Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to revise Impact Aid program requirements for distribution of school construction payments, and of school facility emergency and modernization grants, to local educational agencies (LEAs) impacted by military dependent children or by children residing on Indian lands. Makes LEAs which were eligible for Impact Aid for the preceding fiscal year, and experience an overall increase in student enrollment, eligible for school facility emergency and modernization grants if at least 250 extra children are, or at least 10% of such increase is, the direct result of: (1) base realignment and closure or global rebasing; (2) force structure changes or relocations; or (3) an action initiated by the Secretary of the Interior or other federal agency.

## S.1302

### Keeping PACE Act

A bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children, and to ensure that schools are centers of communities, for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [MA] (introduced 5/3/2007)

Cosponsor: Sen. Kerry, John F. [MA]

**Latest Major Action:** 5/3/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## S. 1217

### School Safety Enhancement Act of 2007

To enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education.

**April 25, 2007**

**Latest Major Action:** 4/25/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sponsor: Sen. Boxer, Barbara [CA]

COSPONSORS:

Sen. Brown, Sherrod [OH]

Sen. Durbin, Richard [IL]

Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [MA]

Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ]

Sen. Salazar, Ken [CO]

Schumer, Charles [NY]

**SUMMARY AS OF:**

4/25/2007--Introduced.

School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007 - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to: (1) allow the placement and use of surveillance equipment in schools under the matching grant program for public elementary and secondary school security; (2) allow the use of grant funds to establish hotlines or tiplines for reporting potentially dangerous students and situations and for making capital improvements to make school facilities more secure; (3) set the federal matching share of program costs at 80%; and (4) revise application requirements for school security grants.

Requires the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Secretary of Education to establish an interagency task force to develop and promulgate advisory school safety guidelines.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require each institution of higher education participating in any program under title IV (Student Assistance) of that Act to: (1) conduct an annual campus safety assessment in consultation with local law enforcement officials; and (2) develop and implement a campus emergency response plan that addresses a comprehensive set of emergency situations, including natural disasters, law enforcement emergencies, and terrorism.

**S.1549**

**Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008**

Sponsor: Sen. Levin, Carl [MI] (introduced 6/5/2007)

Related Bills: S.1547

**Latest Major Action:** 6/5/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 187.

**>>>>> SEC. 2861. REPORT ON CONDITION OF SCHOOLS UNDER JURISDICTION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY.**

(a) Report Required- Not later than March 1, 2008, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the conditions of schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense Education Activity.

(b) Content- The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of each school under the control of the Secretary, including the location, year constructed, grades of attending children, maximum capacity, and current capacity of the school .

(2) A description of the standards and processes used by the Secretary to assess the adequacy of the size of school facilities , the ability of facilities to support school programs, and the current condition of facilities .

(3) A description of the conditions of the facility or facilities at each school , including the level of compliance with the standards described in paragraph (2), any existing or projected facility deficiencies or inadequate conditions at each facility, and whether any of the facilities listed are temporary structures.

(4) An investment strategy planned for each school to correct deficiencies identified in paragraph (3), including a description of each project to correct such deficiencies, cost estimates, and timelines to complete each project.

(5) A description of requirements for new schools to be constructed over the next 10 years as a result of changes to the population of military personnel.

(c) Use of Report as Master Plan for Repair, Upgrade, and Construction of Schools- The Secretary shall use the report required under subsection (a) as a master plan for the repair, upgrade, and construction of schools in the Department of Defense system that support dependants of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

## **S. 600**

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School -Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

**February 14, 2007**

Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. DODD, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health , Education, Labor, and Pensions

### **SUMMARY:**

School-Based Health Clinic Establishment Act of 2007 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for the cost of operating school-based health clinics (SBHCs) to provide comprehensive primary health services during school hours to children and adolescents by health professionals. Requires SBHCs to: (1) provide services to children and adolescents for whom parental or guardian consent has been obtained; (2) provide on-site access during the academic day when school is in session and 24-hour coverage through an on-call system and backup health providers to ensure access to services on a year-round basis when the school or SBHC is closed. Allows the Secretary to: (1) give preference to applicants who demonstrate an ability to serve populations of children and adolescents that have historically demonstrated difficulty in accessing health and mental health services; and (2) waive certain requirements under this Act for a designated period. Requires the Secretary to establish a program to provide technical and other assistance to SBHCs.

## **H. R. 1133**

To provide for the energy independence of the United States.

**February 16, 2007**

Ms. BERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Science and Technology, 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

### **>>>> SEC. 16. SCHOOL RENEWABLE ENERGY USE.**

The Secretary of Energy shall establish a program to make grants to local schools and school districts to promote and facilitate the use of renewable energy sources in school facilities .

## **H. R. 1702**

To reallocate funds toward sensible priorities such as improved children's education, increased children's access to health care, expanded job training, and increased energy efficiency and conservation through a reduction of wasteful defense spending, and for other purposes.

Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STARK, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HONDA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SOLIS, and Ms. WATSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Homeland Security, Foreign Affairs, and Veterans' Affairs, 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

>>>> (1) \$10,000,000,000 shall be made available to carry out the modernization of school facilities under section 8007(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7707(b));

## **H.R.644**

**Title:** To facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields.

**Sponsor:** Rep. Mill, Gary G. [CA-42] (introduced 1/23/2007)    Cosponsors (14)

**Latest Major Action:** 2/28/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.  
2/27/2007--Passed House without amendment.

SUMMARY

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act - Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants (without certain otherwise-required loan guarantees) to eligible public entities and Indian tribes to assist in the environmental cleanup and economic development of brownfield sites including mine-scarred lands. Prohibits: (1) providing or using such grants in a manner that reduces the financial responsibility of any nongovernmental party that is responsible or potentially responsible for contamination on any real property; and (2) the provision of assistance pursuant to this section from in any way relieving any party of liability with respect to such contamination, including liability for removal and remediation costs.

## H. R.1411

**Title:** To provide for the construction and rehabilitation of child care facilities in areas of the Gulf Coast affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

**Sponsor:** Rep. Jefferson, William J.

[LA-2] (introduced 3/8/2007) Cosponsors (7)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/8/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

SUMMARY

Emergency Gulf Coast Child Care Construction and Rebuilding Act - Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize the use of community development block grants to construct and renovate child care facilities located in any major disaster area resulting from Hurricane Katrina or Rita of 2005. Amends the National Housing Act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to insure: (1) mortgages for new or substantially rehabilitated child care and development facilities; (2) loans to such facilities for fire safety equipment; and (2) mortgages executed in connection with the purchase or refinancing of existing child care facilities.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to study and report to Congress on the availability of secondary markets for such mortgages. Authorizes HUD grants to eligible nonprofit organizations for technical and financial assistance to assist eligible child care providers in acquiring or improving facilities or equipment.

## S.1573

**Title:** A bill to promote public-private partnerships to strengthen investment in early childhood development for children from birth to entry into kindergarten in order to ensure healthy development and school readiness for all children.

**Sponsor:** Sen Dodd, Christopher J. [CT] (introduced 6/7/2007) Cosponsors (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 6/7/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### >>>SEC. 8. USES OF FUNDS.

Grant funds made available under this Act shall be used--

**(D) renovate and upgrade early childhood facilities or establish pooled early childhood facility funds, except that not more than 10 percent of the grant funds awarded to an eligible partnership under this Act may be used for construction ;**

## H.R.640

### Health and Higher Education Facilities Improvement Act of 2007

**Title:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit financial institutions to determine their interest expense deduction without regard to tax-exempt bonds issued to provide certain small loans for health care or educational purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Jindal, Bobby [LA-1] (introduced 1/23/2007)

Cosponsor Rep Baker, Richard H. [LA-6] 6/7/

**Latest Major Action:** 1/23/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/23/2007--Introduced.

Health and Higher Education Facilities Improvement Act of 2007 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a small tax-exempt bond issuer, the proceeds of the obligations of which are to be used to make or finance eligible loans for health care or educational purposes, to elect to apply specified current limitations on the amount of obligations by treating each borrower as the issuer of a separate issue.

## **S.1115**

### **Energy Efficiency Promotion Act of 2007**

**Title:** A bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [NM] (introduced 4/16/2007 Cosponsors: 12

**Latest Major Action:** 4/23/2007 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

### **>>>>SEC. 606. ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION .**

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall award not more than 100 grants to institutions of higher education to carry out projects to improve energy efficiency on the grounds and facilities of the institution of higher education , including not less than 1 grant to an institution of higher education in each State.

### **>>>>SEC. 608. ASSISTANCE TO STATES TO REDUCE SCHOOL BUS IDLING.**

(a) Statement of Policy- Congress encourages each local educational agency (as defined in section 9101(26) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(26))) that receives Federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) to develop a policy to reduce the incidence of school bus idling at schools while picking up and unloading students.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, working in coordination with the Secretary of Education , \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2012 for use in educating States and local education agencies about--

(1) benefits of reducing school bus idling; and

(2) ways in which school bus idling may be reduced.