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To establish within the Department of Energy a national Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program for outstanding elementary and secondary mathematics and science teachers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAWYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “Albert Einstein Distin-
5 guished Educator Fellowship Act of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Department of Energy has unique
2 mathematics and science capabilities that contribute
3 to mathematics and science education through exist-
4 ing programs within the Department;

5 (2) a need exists to increase understanding,
6 communication, and cooperation between the De-
7 partment of Energy, other Federal agencies, and the
8 mathematics and science education community;

9 (3) the mathematics and science education com-
10 munity includes a cadre of nationally recognized out-
11 standing elementary and secondary school mathe-
12 matics and science teachers;

13 (4) elementary and secondary school mathe-
14 matics and science teachers can provide insight into
15 effective education programs; and

16 (5) a pilot program has confirmed the effective-
17 ness of outstanding elementary and secondary school
18 mathematics and science teachers serving in profes-
19 sional staff capacities in the Senate and the House
20 of Representatives.

21 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE; DESIGNATION.**

22 (a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to estab-
23 lish a national fellowship program for outstanding elemen-
24 tary and secondary mathematics and science teachers.

1 (b) DESIGNATION.—A recipient of a fellowship under
2 this Act shall be known as an “Albert Einstein Fellow”.

3 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

4 As used in this Act—

5 (1) the term “contractor” means a nonprofit
6 educational organization selected by the Secretary to
7 administer the fellowship program authorized under
8 this Act;

9 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
10 of Energy;

11 (3) the term “elementary school” has the mean-
12 ing provided by section 1471(8) of the Elementary
13 and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

14 (4) the term “local educational agency” has the
15 meaning provided by section 1471(12) of the Ele-
16 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

17 (5) the term “outstanding”, used with respect
18 to an elementary or secondary school mathematics
19 or science teacher, means such a teacher who—

20 (A)(i) is a State or national winner of the
21 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathe-
22 matics and Science Teaching;

23 (ii) has participated in the Woodrow Wil-
24 son Fellowship Program; or

1 (iii) has been a recipient of national or
2 State recognition comparable to the recognition
3 described in subparagraph (A) or (B); and

4 (B) has received a sabbatical leave from
5 teaching in order to participate in the fellow-
6 ship program under this Act, which leave shall
7 provide for the return to a teaching position in
8 the school district in which such individual
9 taught in the academic year preceding such
10 leave; and

11 (6) the term “secondary school” has the mean-
12 ing provided by section 1471(21) of the Elementary
13 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

14 **SEC. 5. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—(A) Except as provided in
17 subparagraph (B), the Secretary is authorized to es-
18 tablish the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator
19 Fellowship Program to provide 10 outstanding ele-
20 mentary or secondary school mathematics or science
21 teachers with fellowships in each fiscal year in ac-
22 cordance with this Act.

23 (B)(i) The Secretary may reduce the number of
24 fellowships awarded under this Act in any fiscal year
25 if the amount appropriated pursuant to the author-

1 ity of section 7 for such year is less than the amount
2 authorized to be appropriated pursuant to such au-
3 thority for such year.

4 (ii) If the number of fellowships awarded under
5 this Act is reduced pursuant to clause (i) for a fiscal
6 year then the Secretary shall ensure that priority is
7 given to awarding fellowships for such year to indi-
8 viduals selected pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of
9 subsection (d)(2)(B).

10 (2) NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS.—The Secretary
11 shall provide—

12 (A) 2 outstanding elementary or secondary
13 school mathematics or science teachers with fel-
14 lowships in the Senate;

15 (B) 2 such teachers with fellowships in the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 (C) 1 such teacher with a fellowship in
18 each of the following:

19 (i) The Department of Energy.

20 (ii) The Department of Education.

21 (iii) The National Institutes of
22 Health.

23 (iv) The National Science Foundation.

24 (v) The Office of Science and Tech-
25 nology Policy.

1 (vi) The National Aeronautics and
2 Space Administration.

3 (3) TERM OF FELLOWSHIPS.—Fellowships
4 under this Act shall be awarded for a period of 10
5 months that, to the extent possible, coincide with the
6 academic year.

7 (b) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—

8 (1) CONTRACT.—The Secretary is authorized to
9 enter into a contract with a contractor to enable
10 such contractor to administer the Albert Einstein
11 Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program.

12 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The contractors shall
13 provide for—

14 (A) the development and administration of
15 an application process for the awarding of fel-
16 lowships under this Act;

17 (B) publication on the fellowship program
18 in appropriate professional publications and in-
19 vite applications from teachers listed in the di-
20 rectories of the Presidential Awardees, the
21 Woodrow Wilson Fellows, and other national
22 and State recognition programs;

23 (C) the development and administration of
24 an initial screening process of applicants for the
25 Albert Einstein Fellowship Program to narrow

1 the pool of such applicants to 10 outstanding
2 elementary and secondary school mathematics
3 teachers and 10 outstanding elementary and
4 secondary school science teachers;

5 (D) the development and administration of
6 the process whereby final selections of fellow-
7 ship recipients are made in accordance with
8 subsection (d)(2);

9 (E) the development of a program of ori-
10 entation for fellowship recipients under this
11 Act;

12 (F) the establishment and administration
13 of a reporting and evaluation program for each
14 year fellowships are awarded under this Act;

15 (G) submission of an annual report and
16 evaluation of the fellowship program under this
17 Act to the Secretary not later than August 31,
18 1995, and each year thereafter; and

19 (H) the administration of all funds re-
20 ceived under this Act, including salaries and ex-
21 penses incurred in conducting the selection
22 process, and agreements with the local edu-
23 cational agencies or school districts serving the
24 schools at which the outstanding elementary or
25 secondary school mathematics or science teach-

1 ers taught prior to the award of fellowships
2 under this Act regarding the disbursement of
3 funds to such teachers.

4 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The contractor shall only
6 use funds under this Act for fellowship recipient sal-
7 aries, the contractor’s Federal insurance contribu-
8 tions under chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code
9 of 1986, administrative expenses (including informa-
10 tion dissemination, direct mailing, advertising, direct
11 staff costs for coordination and accounting services),
12 expenses of conducting an orientation program, relo-
13 cation expenses, and the expenses of conducting the
14 final selection interviews described in subsection
15 (d)(1).

16 (2) SPECIAL RULE.—The contractor may seek
17 funding from non-Federal sources to establish an ac-
18 count from which fellowship recipients may be reim-
19 bursed for travel, professional meetings, and other
20 appropriate expenses.

21 (d) SELECTION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The contractor shall invite
23 the 20 semifinalists to Washington, D.C., to partici-
24 pate in interviews after the initial screening process

1 described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (b)(2)
2 is completed.

3 (2) FINAL SELECTION.—(A) The final selec-
4 tions shall be made in accordance with subparagraph
5 (B) and announced prior to May 1 preceding each
6 fellowship term.

7 (B) The contractor shall develop and conduct a
8 process whereby final selections of fellowship recipi-
9 ents under this Act are made as follows:

10 (i) The Speaker of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Minority Leader of the
12 House of Representatives, or their designees,
13 shall each select a fellowship recipient who shall
14 be assigned to the House of Representatives.

15 (ii) The Majority Leader of the Senate and
16 the Minority Leader of the Senate, or their des-
17 ignees, shall each select a fellowship recipient
18 who will be assigned to the Senate.

19 (iii) The Secretary of Energy, the Sec-
20 retary of Education, the Director of the Na-
21 tional Institutes of Health, the Director of the
22 National Science Foundation, the Assistant to
23 the President for Science and Technology Pol-
24 icy, and the Administrator of the National Aer-
25 onautics and Space Administration, or their

1 designees, shall each select 1 fellowship recipi-
2 ent who shall be assigned within the depart-
3 ment, agency, institute, or office that such indi-
4 vidual administers.

5 (e) FINAL PLACEMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each individual selected to
7 receive a fellowship pursuant to subsection (d) shall
8 interview in the various sections, offices, or divisions
9 within the department, agency, institute, or office in
10 which such individual is to be placed.

11 (2) DATE.—The final placement described in
12 paragraph (1) shall take place on or before the first
13 day of the fellowship period.

14 **SEC. 6. FELLOWSHIP AWARDS.**

15 Each recipient of a fellowship under this Act shall
16 be paid during the fellowship period at a rate of pay that
17 shall not exceed the minimum annual rate payable for a
18 position under GS-13 of the General Schedule.

19 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 There are authorized to be appropriated \$550,000 for
21 fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be necessary for
22 each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2001, to carry out
23 this Act.

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