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S. 2104

To establish within the National Laboratories of the Department of Energy a national Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1994

Mr. HATFIELD (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish within the National Laboratories of the Department of Energy a national Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program.

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 within the
3 National Laboratories;

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

8 (3) the mathematics and science community in-
9 cludes a cadre of nationally recognized outstanding
10 elementary and secondary school mathematics and
11 science teachers; and

12 (4) a pilot program has confirmed the effective-
13 ness of outstanding elementary and secondary school
14 mathematics and science teachers serving in profes-
15 sional staff capacities in the Federal Government.

16 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE; DESIGNATION.**

17 (a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to estab-
18 lish within the National Laboratories a national fellowship
19 program for outstanding mathematics and science teach-
20 ers who have made a contribution to energy conservation.

21 (b) DESIGNATION.—A recipient of a fellowship under
22 this Act shall be known as a “Department of Energy
23 Albert Einstein Fellow”.

24 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

25 As used in this Act—

1 (1) the term “contractor” means a nonprofit
2 organization selected by the Secretary to administer
3 the fellowship program authorized under this Act;

4 (2) the term “National Laboratory” means a
5 National Laboratory of the Department of Energy;

6 (3) the term “outstanding”, used with respect
7 to an elementary or secondary school mathematics
8 or science teacher, means such a teacher who—

9 (A) has established an effective energy
10 conservation program; and

11 (B)(i) is a State or national winner of the
12 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathe-
13 matics and Science Teaching;

14 (ii) has participated in the Woodrow Wil-
15 son Fellowship Program; or

16 (iii) has been a recipient of national or
17 State recognition comparable to the recognition
18 described in clause (i) or (ii); and

19 (4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
20 of Energy.

21 **SEC. 5. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—(A) Except as provided in
24 subparagraph (B), the Secretary is authorized to es-
25 tablish the Department of Energy Albert Einstein

1 Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program within
2 the National Laboratories in order to provide 10
3 outstanding elementary or secondary school mathe-
4 matics or science teachers with fellowships within
5 the National Laboratories in each fiscal year in ac-
6 cordance with this Act.

7 (B) The Secretary may reduce the number of
8 fellowships awarded under this Act in any fiscal year
9 if the amount appropriated pursuant to the author-
10 ity of section 7 for such year is less than the amount
11 authorized to be appropriated pursuant to such au-
12 thority for such year.

13 (2) TERM OF FELLOWSHIPS.—Fellowships
14 under this Act shall be awarded for a period of 10
15 months that, to the extent possible, coincide with the
16 academic year.

17 (b) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—

18 (1) CONTRACT.—The Secretary is authorized to
19 enter into a contract with a contractor to enable
20 such contractor to administer the Department of
21 Energy Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fel-
22 lowship Program.

23 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The contractor shall pro-
24 vide for—

1 (A) development and administration of an
2 application process for the awarding of fellow-
3 ships under this Act;

4 (B) publication of information regarding
5 the fellowship program in appropriate profes-
6 sional publications and inviting applications
7 from teachers listed in the directories of the
8 Presidential Awardees, the Woodrow Wilson
9 Fellows, and other national and State recogni-
10 tion programs;

11 (C) development and administration of an
12 initial screening process of applicants for the
13 Department of Energy Albert Einstein Fellow-
14 ship Program to narrow the pool of such appli-
15 cants to 10 outstanding elementary and second-
16 ary school mathematics teachers and 10 out-
17 standing elementary and secondary school
18 science teachers;

19 (D) development of the process whereby
20 final selections of fellowship recipients are made
21 in accordance with subsection (d)(2);

22 (E) development of a program of orienta-
23 tion for fellowship recipients under this Act;

1 (F) establishment and administration of a
2 reporting and evaluation program for each year
3 fellowships are awarded under this Act; and

4 (G) submission of an annual report and
5 evaluation of the fellowship program assisted
6 under this Act to the Secretary on August 31,
7 1995, and each year thereafter.

8 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The contractor shall only
10 use funds under this Act to provide for fellowship re-
11 cipient salaries, Federal insurance contributions
12 under chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of
13 1986 with respect to such salaries, administrative
14 expenses (including information dissemination, direct
15 mailing, advertising, direct staff costs for coordina-
16 tion and accounting services), expenses of conduct-
17 ing an orientation program, relocation expenses, and
18 the expenses of conducting the final selection inter-
19 views described in subsection (d)(1).

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

25 (d) SELECTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The contractor shall invite
2 the 20 semifinalists to Washington, D.C., to partici-
3 pate in interviews after the initial screening process
4 described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (b)(2)
5 is completed.

6 (2) FINAL SELECTION.—The contractor shall
7 provide for developing and conducting a process
8 whereby final selections of fellowship recipients
9 under this Act are made by the Secretary or the
10 Secretary's designee.

11 (e) FINAL PLACEMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each individual selected to
13 receive a fellowship pursuant to subsection (d) shall
14 interview in various National Laboratories.

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

18 **SEC. 6. FELLOWSHIP AWARDS.**

19 Each recipient of a fellowship under this Act shall
20 be paid during the fellowship period at a rate of pay that
21 shall not exceed the minimum annual rate payable for a
22 position under GS-13 of the General Schedule.

23 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 There are authorized to be appropriated \$550,000 for
25 fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be necessary for

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1 each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2001, to carry out
2 this Act.

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