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S. 657

To authorize funding for the National 4–H Program Centennial Initiative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2001

Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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Centennial Initiative.

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. NATIONAL 4–H PROGRAM CENTENNIAL INITIA-**

4 **TIVE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the 4–H Program is 1 of the largest youth
7 development organizations operating in each of the
8 50 States and over 3,000 counties;

9 (2) the 4–H Program is promoted by the Sec-
10 retary of Agriculture through the Cooperative State

1 Research, Education, and Extension Service and
2 land-grant colleges and universities;

3 (3) the 4-H Program is supported by public
4 and private resources, including the National 4-H
5 Council; and

6 (4) in celebration of the centennial of the 4-H
7 Program in 2002, the National 4-H Council has
8 proposed a public-private partnership to develop new
9 strategies for youth development for the next cen-
10 tury in light of an increasingly global and tech-
11 nology-oriented economy and ever-changing demands
12 and challenges facing youth in widely diverse com-
13 munities.

14 (c) GRANT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of
16 appropriations, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
17 make a grant to the National 4-H Council to be
18 used to pay the Federal share of the cost of—

19 (A) conducting a program of discussions
20 through meetings, seminars, and listening ses-
21 sions on the National, State, and local levels re-
22 garding strategies for youth development; and

23 (B) preparing a report that—

24 (i) summarizes and analyzes the dis-
25 cussions;

1 (ii) makes specific recommendations
2 of strategies for youth development; and

3 (iii) proposes a plan of action for car-
4 rying out those strategies.

5 (2) COST SHARING.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of
7 the cost of the program under paragraph (1)
8 shall be 50 percent.

9 (B) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The
10 non-Federal share of the cost of the program
11 under paragraph (1) may be paid in the form
12 of cash or the provision of services, material, or
13 other in-kind contributions.

14 (d) REPORT.—The National 4-H Council shall sub-
15 mit the report prepared under subsection (c) to the Presi-
16 dent, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Committee on Agri-
17 culture of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
18 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-
19 ate.

20 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

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