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H. R. 5360

To authorize grants to establish academies for teachers and students of American history and civics, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WICKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “American History and
5 Civics Education Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIES FOR TEACHING OF**
2 **AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS; CONGRES-**
3 **SIONAL ACADEMIES FOR STUDENTS OF**
4 **AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Education
6 (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may award
7 grants, on a competitive basis—

8 (1) to entities to establish Presidential Acad-
9 emies for Teaching of American History and Civics
10 that may offer workshops for both veteran and new
11 teachers of American history and civics; and

12 (2) to entities to establish Congressional Acad-
13 emies for Students of American History and Civics.

14 (b) **APPLICATION.**—An entity that desires to receive
15 a grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application
16 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
17 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

18 (c) **DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE.**—The Secretary
19 shall require that each entity, to be eligible to receive a
20 grant under this section, demonstrate expertise in histor-
21 ical methodology or the teaching of history.

22 (d) **AVAILABLE FUNDS.**—In awarding grants under
23 subsection (a), the Secretary may use any funds available
24 to the Secretary to carry out education programs.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM.**

2 The Secretary may award grants to the National His-
3 tory Day Program for the purpose of continuing and ex-
4 panding its activities to promote the study of history and
5 improve instruction.

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