

SEC. 10. ACHIEVEMENT GAP REDUCTION REWARDS.

(a) CLOSING THE GAP REWARD FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To reward States that make significant progress in eliminating achievement gaps by raising the achievement levels of the lowest performing students, the Secretary shall annually set aside sufficient funds from the Fund for the Improvement of Education under part A of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to grant a reward to States that meet the conditions set forth in subsection (b) by the end of their 5-year performance agreement.

(2) REWARD AMOUNT.—The amount of the reward referred to in paragraph (1) shall be not less than 5 percent of funds allocated to the State during the first year of the performance agreement for programs included in the agreement.

(b) CONDITIONS OF PERFORMANCE REWARD.—A State is eligible to receive a reward under this section if the State reduces by not less than 25 percent, over the 5-year term of the performance agreement, the difference between the percentage of highest and lowest performing groups of students that meet the State's definition of "proficient" as referenced in section 1111(b)(1)(D)(i)(II) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, for the following:

(A) CONTENT AREAS.—The reduction in the achievement gap shall include not less than 2 content areas, one of which shall be mathematics or reading.

(B) GRADES TESTED.—The reduction shall occur in at least 1 grade level.

SEC. 11. STRAIGHT A'S PERFORMANCE REPORT.

The Secretary shall make the annual State reports described in section 3 available to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions not later than 60 days after the Secretary receives the report.

SEC. 12. CONSTRUCTION.

To the extent that provisions of title XIV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 are inconsistent with this Act, this Act shall be construed as superseding such provisions.

SEC. 13. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Act:

(1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term "local educational agency" has the same meaning given such term in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education.

(3) STATE.—The term "State" means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

SEC. 14. EFFECT ON STATE LAW.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to supersede or modify any provision of a State constitution or State law that prohibits the expenditure of public funds in or by sectarian institutions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 222

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 222, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for a national standard to prohibit the operation of motor vehicles by intoxicated individuals.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require the labeling of imported meat and meat food products.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from income certain amounts received under the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program and F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 333, a bill to amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to improve the farmland protection program.

S. 341

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 341, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount allowable for qualified adoption expenses, to permanently extend the credit for adoption expenses, and to adjust the limitations on such credit for inflation, and for other purposes.

S. 385

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 385, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and for other purposes.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 391, a bill to provide for payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individuals and employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the State ceiling on private activity bonds.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to assure access under group health plans and health insurance coverage to covered emergency medical services.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds to finance public-private partnership activities relating to school facilities in public elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. MACK, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of printed wiring board and printed wiring assembly equipment.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program.

S. 693

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 693, a bill to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms and to allow States to enter into compacts to recognize other States' concealed weapons permits.

S. 758

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to establish legal standards and procedures for the fair, prompt, inexpensive, and efficient resolution of personal injury claims arising out of asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

S. 796

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to provide for full parity with respect to health insurance coverage for certain severe biologically-based mental illnesses and to prohibit limits on the number of mental illness-related hospital days and outpatient visits that are covered for all mental illnesses.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security, and for other purposes.

S. 820

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel excise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to promote access to health care services in rural areas.

S. 1017

At the request of Mr. MACK, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1017, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the State ceiling on the low-income housing credit.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1028, a bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1034

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment under the medicare program for pap smear laboratory tests.

S. 1057

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1057, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a Na-

tional Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard, regulation or guideline on ergonomics.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to establish a more cooperative and effective method for rulemaking that takes into account the special needs and concerns of smaller miners.

S. 1140

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations to eliminate or minimize the significant risk of needlestick injury to health care workers.

S. 1144

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1144, a bill to provide increased flexibility in use of highway funding, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1144, supra.

S. 1165

At the request of Mr. MACK, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1165, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on the amount of receipts attributable to military property which may be treated as exempt foreign trade income.

S. 1189

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1189, a bill to allow Federal securities enforcement actions to be predicated on State securities enforcement actions, to prevent migration of rogue securities brokers between and among financial services industries, and for other purposes.

S. 1195

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1195, A bill to give customers notice and choice about how their financial institutions share or sell their personally identifiable sensitive financial information, and for other purposes.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to establish a 3-year pilot project for the General Accounting Office to report to Congress on economically significant rules of Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 99

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 99, A resolution designating November 20, 1999, as "National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day."

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2000 AND 2001

HELMS (AND BIDEN)
AMENDMENTS NOS. 705-706

Mr. HELMS (for himself and Mr. BIDEN) proposed two amendments to the bill (S. 886) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to provide for enhanced security at United States diplomatic facilities; to provide for certain arms control, nonproliferation, and other national security measures; to provide for the reform of the United Nations; and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 705

- On page 19, strike lines 1 through 19.
- On page 19, line 20, strike "sec. 205." and insert "sec. 204."
- On page 20, line 10, strike "sec. 206." and insert "sec. 205."
- On page 35, line 24, strike "financial, and moral" and insert "and financial".
- On page 36, line 8, strike "these".
- On page 54, line 7, strike "Inman".
- On page 54, line 8, insert "chaired by Admiral Bobby Ray Inman" after "mission".
- On page 54, beginning on line 17 strike "The" and all that follows through "Tanzania" on line 20.
- On page 54, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:
 - (8) The result has been a failure to take adequate steps to prevent tragedies such as the bombings in Kenya and Tanzania.
- On page 54, line 21, strike "(8)" and insert "(9)".
- On page 55, line 1, strike "(9)" and insert "(10)".
- On page 55, line 9, strike "(10)" and insert "(11)".
- On page 55, line 16, strike "legation,".
- On page 55, line 21, strike "commander" and insert "military commander".
- On page 56, line 6, strike "acquisition or construction" and insert "acquisition".
- On page 58, line 20, strike "CONSTRUCTION" and insert "ACQUISITION".
- On page 58, line 24, strike "security and construction" and insert "construction and security".
- On page 59, lines 10 and 11, strike "acquisition, construction," and insert "acquisition".
- On page 60, lines 24 and 25, strike "the Secretary determines and certifies" and insert "the Secretary and the head of each agency employing affected personnel determine and certify".
- On page 61, line 1, insert "security so permits, and" after "that".
- On page 61, lines 18 and 19, strike "constructed or".
- On page 62, line 3, insert "security so permits, and" after "that".
- On page 65, line 3, strike "(b)" and insert "(c)".