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Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Mr. BISHOP) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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Additional sponsors: Mr. KILEY of California, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LOFGREN,
Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. LETLOW, Mr.
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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 15, 2026]

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 “Equitable Access to*
5 *School Facilities Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO STATE FACILITIES AID PROGRAM.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4304(k) of the Elementary*
8 *and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7221c(k))*
9 *is amended to read as follows:*

10 “*(k) STATE FACILITIES AID PROGRAM.—*

11 “*(1) STATE ENTITY DEFINED.—In this sub-*
12 *section, the term ‘State entity’ has the meaning given*
13 *the term in section 4303(a).*

14 “*(2) GRANTS TO STATE ENTITIES.—*

15 “*(A) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From the*
16 *amount reserved under section 4302(b)(1) and*
17 *remaining after the Secretary makes grants*
18 *under subsection (a), the Secretary shall award,*
19 *on a competitive basis, grants to State entities*
20 *that have the highest-quality applications ap-*
21 *proved under subparagraph (C), after consid-*
22 *ering the content of such applications in accord-*
23 *ance with subparagraph (D), to pay for the Fed-*
24 *eral share of the cost of carrying out the activi-*
25 *ties described in subparagraph (E).*

1 “(B) *PERIOD.*—*The Secretary shall award*
2 *grants under this subsection for periods of not*
3 *more than 5 years.*

4 “(C) *APPLICATION.*—

5 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*A State entity de-*
6 *siring to receive a grant under this sub-*
7 *section shall submit to the Secretary an ap-*
8 *plication in such form as the Secretary may*
9 *reasonably require and containing the in-*
10 *formation described in clause (ii).*

11 “(ii) *CONTENTS.*—*An application sub-*
12 *mitted under clause (i) shall contain—*

13 “(I) *a statement identifying the*
14 *activities that the State entity proposes*
15 *to carry out with funds received under*
16 *this subsection, including a description*
17 *of how the State entity will determine*
18 *which charter schools will receive as-*
19 *sistance, and how much and what*
20 *types of assistance such charter schools*
21 *will receive;*

22 “(II) *a description of the involve-*
23 *ment of charter schools in the applica-*
24 *tion’s development and in the design of*
25 *the proposed activities;*

1 “(III) a description of whether
2 and how the State entity will partner
3 with an organization as described in
4 subparagraph (G);

5 “(IV) a description of how the
6 State entity possesses sufficient exper-
7 tise to evaluate the likelihood of success
8 of a charter school before providing as-
9 sistance to such school through the pro-
10 posed grant;

11 “(V) in the case of an application
12 submitted by a State entity described
13 in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of section
14 4303(a), a description of the actions
15 that the entity has taken, or will take,
16 to ensure that charter schools within
17 the State receive the funding they need
18 to have adequate facilities;

19 “(VI) a description of whether
20 and how the proposed activities will—

21 “(aa) increase charter
22 schools’ access to State funds or
23 other financing for acquiring or
24 operating facilities (including by
25 reducing gaps to such access be-

1 *tween charter schools and other*
2 *public schools in the same State);*

3 *“(bb) increase charter*
4 *schools’ access to public buildings;*
5 *and*

6 *“(cc) increase the access of*
7 *charter schools in low-income and*
8 *rural communities to adequate fa-*
9 *cilities; and*

10 *“(VII) a description of whether*
11 *the State in which the State entity is*
12 *located is described in clauses (i), (ii),*
13 *(iii), or (iv) of subparagraph (D).*

14 *“(iii) NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—*
15 *The Secretary may not require any addi-*
16 *tional information to be included in an ap-*
17 *plication submitted under this subpara-*
18 *graph that is not listed in clause (ii).*

19 *“(D) PRIORITY.—In making grants under*
20 *this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority*
21 *to a State entity located in a State—*

22 *“(i) that is described in subparagraph*
23 *(A) or (C) of section 4303(g)(2);*

24 *“(ii) that provides charter schools with*
25 *access to tax-exempt financing;*

1 “(iii) with land use policies (including
2 with respect to policies relating to permits
3 and fees) that provide for the same or sub-
4 stantially similar treatment of charter
5 schools as other public schools that are not
6 charter schools; or

7 “(iv) that prohibits localities and other
8 instrumentalities of the State from impos-
9 ing deed restrictions on properties that
10 limit charter school access, including prohi-
11 bitions or restrictions on charter schools
12 purchasing surplus public property.

13 “(E) USE OF FUNDS.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State entity re-
15 ceiving a grant under this subsection shall
16 use such grant to carry out, in the State in
17 which the State entity is located, 1 or more
18 of the following activities:

19 “(I) Increasing funding for, or
20 creating financing mechanisms to sup-
21 port, the acquisition, access to leasing,
22 and renovation of facilities by charter
23 schools, which may include partner-
24 ships with local educational agencies
25 that provide access to public buildings.

1 “(II) Increasing funding for, or
2 creating funding mechanisms to sup-
3 port, charter schools’ ongoing facilities
4 costs.

5 “(III) Supporting the creation of
6 alternative ownership models, to plan,
7 develop, and manage facilities for
8 charter schools.

9 “(ii) RESERVE ACCOUNT.—

10 “(I) STATE ENTITY NOT RECEIV-
11 ING SUBSECTION (A) GRANT.—In the
12 case of a State entity that is not re-
13 ceiving a grant under subsection (a),
14 such entity may—

15 “(aa) establish and maintain
16 a reserve account described in
17 subsection (f); and

18 “(bb) for the purpose of car-
19 rying out 1 or more of the activi-
20 ties described in subclauses (I)
21 through (III) of clause (i), deposit
22 an amount of the grant funds re-
23 ceived under this subsection (to be
24 determined by the State entity) in
25 such reserve account.

1 “(II) *STATE ENTITY RECEIVING*
2 *SUBSECTION (A) GRANT.*—*In the case of*
3 *a State entity that is receiving a grant*
4 *under subsection (a), for the purpose of*
5 *carrying out 1 or more of the activities*
6 *described in subclauses (I) through*
7 *(III) of clause (i), such entity may de-*
8 *posit an amount of the grant funds re-*
9 *ceived under this subsection (to be de-*
10 *termined by the State entity) in the re-*
11 *serve account established and main-*
12 *tained by the State entity under sub-*
13 *section (f).*

14 “(iii) *EVALUATIONS; TECHNICAL AS-*
15 *SISTANCE; DISSEMINATION.*—*From the*
16 *amount made available to a State entity*
17 *through a grant under this subsection for a*
18 *fiscal year, the State entity may reserve not*
19 *more than 5 percent to carry out evalua-*
20 *tions, to provide technical assistance, and to*
21 *disseminate information.*

22 “(iv) *SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.*—
23 *Funds made available under this subsection*
24 *shall be used to supplement, and not sup-*
25 *plant, non-Federal funds expended to carry*

1 *out the activities authorized under this sub-*
2 *section.*

3 “(F) *FEDERAL SHARE.*—*The Federal share*
4 *of the cost of carrying out the activities described*
5 *in subparagraph (E) shall be not more than an*
6 *amount equal to 60 percent of the total such cost*
7 *for the duration of the grant period.*

8 “(G) *NON-FEDERAL SHARE.*—*A State entity*
9 *receiving a grant under this subsection may*
10 *partner with 1 or more organizations, and such*
11 *organizations may provide any amount of the*
12 *non-Federal share of the cost of carrying out the*
13 *activities described in subparagraph (E).*

14 “(H) *MULTIPLE GRANTS.*—*A State may re-*
15 *ceive more than 1 grant under this subsection, so*
16 *long as the amount of total funds provided to*
17 *charter schools increases with each successive*
18 *grant.”.*

19 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The amendment made by sub-*
20 *section (a) shall apply only with respect to a grant awarded*
21 *under section 4304(k) of the Elementary and Secondary*
22 *Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7221c(k)) on or after the date*
23 *of the enactment of this Act.*

1 **SEC. 3. NO FEDERAL INTEREST.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Part C of title IV of the Elementary
3 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7221 et
4 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 4312. NO FEDERAL INTEREST.**

6 “No funds made available under this part create a
7 Federal interest (as such term is defined in section 200.1
8 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations) for purposes of—

9 (1) the recording requirement under section
10 200.316 of such title; or

11 (2) the reporting requirement under section
12 200.330 of such title.”.

13 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of the
14 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
15 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item
16 relating to section 4311 the following:

“Sec. 4312. No Federal interest.”.

17 **SEC. 4. CREDIT ENHANCEMENT FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FA-**
18 **CILITIES PROGRAM.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4304(h)(2)(A) of the Ele-
20 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
21 7221c(h)(2)) is amended by inserting “, for each of the 10
22 years following the date on which such entity received such
23 grant,” after “annual report”.

24 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—The amendment made by sub-
25 section (a) shall apply with respect to an eligible entity that

1 *received a grant under section 4304(a) of the Elementary*
2 *and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7221c(a))*
3 *before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

4 **SEC. 5. GRANTS TO SUPPORT HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER**
5 **SCHOOLS.**

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4303 of the Elementary
7 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7221b)
8 is amended—

9 (1) *in subsection (b)*—

10 (A) *in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “and”;*

11 (B) *in paragraph (2), by striking the period*
12 *at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

13 (C) *by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*
14 *lowing:*

15 “(3) *provide assistance in locating and accessing*
16 *a facility for purposes of opening, preparing, or ex-*
17 *panding charter schools as described in paragraph*
18 *(1); and*

19 “(4) *provide one-time assistance to any planned*
20 *or operating charter schools in the State in ensuring*
21 *that a facility used for a charter school complies with*
22 *State and local building codes and regulations.”;*

23 (2) *in subsection (c)(1)*—

1 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
2 (A), by striking “section shall—” and inserting
3 “section—

4 “(A) shall—”;

5 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
6 though (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-
7 tively;

8 (C) in clause (i), as so redesignated, by
9 striking “90 percent” and inserting “80 per-
10 cent”;

11 (D) in clause (iii), as so redesignated, by
12 striking the period at the end and inserting “;
13 and”;

14 (E) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(B) may reserve not more than 10 percent
16 of such funds for the establishment of a revolving
17 loan fund, which may be used to make loans,
18 under such terms as may be established by the
19 State entity, to—

20 “(i) eligible applicants for the oper-
21 ation of 1 or more of the charter schools
22 opened or expanded pursuant to a grant
23 under this section (for the duration of the
24 program period described in subsection
25 (d)(1)(B)); and

1 “(ii) eligible applicants to assist such
2 applicants in obtaining, renovating, or re-
3 habilitating facilities for planned or oper-
4 ating charter schools in the State.”; and

5 (3) in subsection (h)(3)—

6 (A) by striking “necessary renovations” and
7 all that follows through “school building com-
8 plies” and inserting “repairs, renovations, and
9 building out of charter school facilities to ensure
10 that such facilities comply”; and

11 (B) by striking “, and minor facilities re-
12 pairs (excluding construction)”.

13 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—The amendments made by sub-
14 section (a) shall apply only with respect to a grant awarded
15 under section 4303 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
16 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 7221b) on or after the date of the
17 enactment of this Act.

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