

H.R. 18

To authorize appropriations for the Teachers in Low-Income and Rural Areas Grant Program and the Low-Income School District Assistance Grant Program

IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

September 1st, 2021

Mr. LIGHTWOOD-TOWARD (for himself,) introduced
the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rural and School District Assistance Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that:

- (1) The Department of Education established two grant programs aimed to assist low-income, rural teachers and districts.

- (2) Secretarial Order #0004 directs the Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as “Department”) to create the Teachers in Low-Income and Rural Areas Grant Program (TLIRA) which is set to provide 100,000 grants. The order also directs the Department to create the Rural and Low Income School District Assistance Grant Program (RLISDA) which is set to provide 250 grants.
- (3) The Secretary of Education has requested a total of \$500,000,000 (indexed to inflation) to fund the newly established grant programs.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Education is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for the fiscal years of 2021 through 2025, to fund the Teachers in Low-Income and Rural Areas Grant Program and the Rural and Low Income School District Assistance Grant Program.
- (b) INFLATION.—Appropriations authorized under subsection (a) shall be annually adjusted for inflation.
- (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Appropriations authorized under subsection (a) shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 3. ENACTMENT.

EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
