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To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SIRES, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. HOLT, Mr. PETERS of California, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. SABLAN, and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Streamlining Energy
5 Efficiency for Schools Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF ENERGY RETROFITTING ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE FOR SCHOOLS.**

3 Section 392 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 6371a) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 “(e) COORDINATION OF ENERGY RETROFITTING AS-
7 SISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS.—

8 “(1) DEFINITION OF SCHOOL.—In this sub-
9 section, the term ‘school’ means—

10 “(A) an elementary school or secondary
11 school (as defined in section 9101 of the Ele-
12 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
13 (20 U.S.C. 7801));

14 “(B) an institution of higher education (as
15 defined in section 102(a) of the Higher Edu-
16 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a));

17 “(C) a school of the defense dependents’
18 education system under the Defense Depend-
19 ents’ Education Act of 1978 (20 U.S.C. 921 et
20 seq.) or established under section 2164 of title
21 10, United States Code;

22 “(D) a school operated by the Bureau of
23 Indian Affairs;

24 “(E) a tribally controlled school (as de-
25 fined in section 5212 of the Tribally Controlled
26 Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2511)); and

1 “(F) a Tribal College or University (as de-
2 fined in section 316(b) of the Higher Education
3 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059e(b))).

4 “(2) DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY.—The
5 Secretary, acting through the Office of Energy Effi-
6 ciency and Renewable Energy, shall act as the lead
7 Federal agency for coordinating and disseminating
8 information on existing Federal programs and as-
9 sistance that may be used to help initiate, develop,
10 and finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and
11 energy retrofitting projects for schools.

12 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out coordi-
13 nation and outreach under paragraph (2), the Sec-
14 retary shall—

15 “(A) in consultation and coordination with
16 the appropriate Federal agencies, carry out a
17 review of existing programs and financing
18 mechanisms (including revolving loan funds and
19 loan guarantees) available in or from the De-
20 partment of Agriculture, the Department of
21 Energy, the Department of Education, the De-
22 partment of the Treasury, the Internal Revenue
23 Service, the Environmental Protection Agency,
24 and other appropriate Federal agencies with ju-
25 risdiction over energy financing and facilitation

1 that are currently used or may be used to help
2 initiate, develop, and finance energy efficiency,
3 renewable energy, and energy retrofitting
4 projects for schools;

5 “(B) establish a Federal cross-depart-
6 mental collaborative coordination, education,
7 and outreach effort to streamline communica-
8 tion and promote available Federal opportuni-
9 ties and assistance described in subparagraph
10 (A), for energy efficiency, renewable energy,
11 and energy retrofitting projects that enables
12 States, local educational agencies, and
13 schools—

14 “(i) to use existing Federal opportuni-
15 ties more effectively; and

16 “(ii) to form partnerships with Gov-
17 ernors, State energy programs, local edu-
18 cational, financial, and energy officials,
19 State and local government officials, non-
20 profit organizations, and other appropriate
21 entities, to support the initiation of the
22 projects;

23 “(C) provide technical assistance for
24 States, local educational agencies, and schools
25 to help develop and finance energy efficiency,

1 renewable energy, and energy retrofitting
2 projects—

3 “(i) to increase the energy efficiency
4 of buildings or facilities;

5 “(ii) to install systems that individ-
6 ually generate energy from renewable en-
7 ergy resources;

8 “(iii) to establish partnerships to le-
9 verage economies of scale and additional fi-
10 nancing mechanisms available to larger
11 clean energy initiatives; or

12 “(iv) to promote—

13 “(I) the maintenance of health,
14 environmental quality, and safety in
15 schools, including the ambient air
16 quality, through energy efficiency, re-
17 newable energy, and energy retrofit
18 projects; and

19 “(II) the achievement of expected
20 energy savings and renewable energy
21 production through proper operations
22 and maintenance practices;

23 “(D) develop and maintain a single online
24 resource Web site with contact information for
25 relevant technical assistance and support staff

1 in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renew-
2 able Energy for States, local educational agen-
3 cies, and schools to effectively access and use
4 Federal opportunities and assistance described
5 in subparagraph (A) to develop energy effi-
6 ciency, renewable energy, and energy retro-
7 fitting projects; and

8 “(E) establish a process for recognition of
9 schools that—

10 “(i) have successfully implemented en-
11 ergy efficiency, renewable energy, and en-
12 ergy retrofitting projects; and

13 “(ii) are willing to serve as resources
14 for other local educational agencies and
15 schools to assist initiation of similar ef-
16 forts.

17 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
18 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-
19 retary shall submit to Congress a report describing
20 the implementation of this subsection.

21 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
22 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
23 this subsection such sums as are necessary for each
24 of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”.

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