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To strengthen student achievement and graduation rates and prepare young people for college, careers, and citizenship through innovative partnerships that meet the comprehensive needs of children and youth.

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Ms. Chu of California (for herself, Ms. Norton, Mr. Loebsack, Ms. Meng, Ms. Lee, Mr. Honda, Ms. Tsongas, Mr. Hinojosa, Mr. Vargas, and Mr. Ellison) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To strengthen student achievement and graduation rates and prepare young people for college, careers, and citizenship through innovative partnerships that meet the comprehensive needs of children and youth.

- 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Developing Innovative Partnerships and Learning Op-

- 2 portunities that Motivate Achievement Act" or the "DI-PLOMA Act". (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for 3 this Act is as follows: Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents. Sec. 2. Findings. Sec. 3. Purposes. Sec. 4. Definitions. Sec. 5. Demonstration program authorized; allotment to States. Sec. 6. State child and youth strategy. Sec. 7. Coordinating body; State applications. Sec. 8. State use of funds. Sec. 9. Local consortium application; local child and youth strategy. Sec. 10. Local use of funds. Sec. 11. Construction. Sec. 12. Accountability and transparency. Sec. 13. Authorization of appropriations. 5 SEC. 2. FINDINGS. 6 Congress finds the following: 7 (1) The future strength of the Nation's democ-8 racy, as well as the Nation's economy, is dependent 9 upon the investments made in children and youth 10 today. 11 (2) Evidence demonstrates that effective part-12 nerships among schools and communities increase 13 student achievement by addressing the academic 14 needs of students as well as the challenges the stu-
- 16 (A) Chicago Public Schools leads the Na-17 tion's largest community school initiative and 18 found that nearly half of the students in com-19 munity schools had increased math and reading

dents face outside the classroom. For example:

- grades, and that between 2001 and 2006, community schools had greater gains in math and reading than regular Chicago public schools.
 - (B) In a massive study of Chicago public schools, sociologist Anthony Bryk demonstrates that in schools where grassroots organizations forge strong connections with their schools, trust levels are greater, the school environment is civil, and parent involvement is greater.
 - (C) Cincinnati Community Learning Centers, an initiative started in 2001, brings a number of organizations (such as the YMCA, the United Way, and the University of Cincinnati) to schools, where a School Based Resource Coordinator develops and facilitates community-based partnerships and resources that are responsive to the needs of the school and community. In Cincinnati, graduation rates increased from 51 percent in 2000 to 83 percent in 2009, the achievement gap between African-American students and White students decreased from 14.5 percent in 2003 to 4.3 percent in 2009, and Cincinnati is the first urban district in Ohio to receive an "effective" rating.

- (D) In Wisconsin, where partnerships are required for grant programs, non-traditional partners have proven to be instrumental for smaller communities to enrich after school programs. Those might include local trucking companies, the Grange, Farm Bureau, small retailers, and retirees.
 - (E) Union City (New Jersey) school district proves that by breaking down institutional "silos" and creating deep partnerships, collaboration and municipal involvement, schools can be vibrant places of hope despite poverty, unemployment, and lack of affordable housing.
 - (F) Molly Stark Elementary School in Bennington, Vermont, is a full-service community school of about 400 students from kindergarten through 5th grade that exemplifies the spirit of community involvement. People of all ages, backgrounds and experiences learn and work together as neighbors to improve student learning. In addition to a rigorous curriculum, the school offers on-site pediatric, psychological, dental, pre-school, outreach, nutrition, counseling, after school and summer school programs that level the playing field for all stu-

dents, particularly the roughly 60 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

- (G) Harmon Johnson Elementary School in Sacramento, California, has a student population with 97 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch and 69 percent as English Language Learners. This community school encourages 21st century learning, and saw an API increase by 45 points in the last year. The school offers many resources to address students' social, emotional, and physical needs, including a health and wellness center, access to 9 mental health therapists and a state-of-the-art dental program that were all developed with strong parent collaboration.
- (H) By meeting the comprehensive needs of students, Communities In Schools, a national dropout prevention organization, demonstrates that 78 percent of participating students improved their attendance, 89 percent had fewer behavior incidents, 80 percent improved their academic performance, and 78 percent of eligible seniors graduated from high school.
- (3) According to a 2013 report by the National Equity and Excellence Commission, "to ensure that

- every child receives what he or she needs to succeed in school, we require a systemic means of cutting through the red tape that ties up funding streams and personnel. Governance reforms must ensure coordination and cooperation across federal, state and local agencies. Communities, tribes, states and the federal government must work together.".
 - (4) Approximately only 75 percent of 9th graders graduate from high school 4 years later. Of students who graduate from high school, 2 out of 3 (67 percent) enroll in a 2- or 4-year college in the fall after completing high school. Only about half (58 percent) of first-time, full-time college freshmen seeking a 4-year degree receive a bachelor's degree within 6 years or less.
 - (5) Over the past 4 decades, the United States has slipped from being first in the world in high school and college graduation rates to 21st and 14th, respectively, putting the Nation at a growing competitive disadvantage with other countries.
 - (6) Research shows that the holistic needs of students must be met in order to strengthen student achievement. One analysis of 16 factors influencing student achievement found that over half of the fac-

- tors identified were present in the lives of students
 outside of the classroom.
 - (7) Research from the Government Accountability Office found that students who change schools less frequently are more likely to perform at grade level and less likely to repeat a grade than their less stable peers.
 - (8) In research by Teachers College, Columbia University, studies in psychology, health, and education feature school "connectedness" as important to student learning, achievement, and well-being. When students feel a sense of connection with the larger world and community institutions, they are more engaged in instructional activities and express greater commitment to school (Furrer & Skinner, 2003; Roeser, Midgley, & Urdan, 1996; Wentzel, 1997).
 - (9) We know from successful experiences that hundreds of thousands of arts, cultural, service, sports, colleges and other youth organizations, as well as civic and faith-based groups want to partner with schools and educators to reinforce learning, but far too often, neither the school nor the community know how to effectively connect with each other.

- 1 (10) In order for the United States to compete 2 in a global economy, the copartnering efforts of gov-3 ernment, social services, business, arts, home, community-based organizations, and philanthropy need to concentrate their efforts where they are most 5 6 needed: in our schools. 7 (11) Research from Johns Hopkins University 8 shows that access to summer learning opportunities 9 leads to significant student learning gains not expe-
- 12 (12) A study of summer learning programs in 13 California found that students experienced improved 14 academic skills, school attendance, relationships with 15 peers and adults, and positive work habits after at-16 tending summer learning programs.

rienced by students who cannot access summer

17 SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

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18 The purposes of this Act are—

learning opportunities.

- 19 (1) to create engaging learning experiences 20 that—
- 21 (A) strengthen academic achievement, 22 build civic capacity, and provide a continuum of 23 supports and opportunities for children, youth, 24 and their families; and

1	(B) prepare young people for college, ca-
2	reers, and citizenship through results-focused
3	partnerships at all levels that mobilize and co-
4	ordinate school and community resources;
5	(2) to ensure the academic, physical, social,
6	emotional, health, mental health, and civic develop-
7	ment of disadvantaged youth and thereby strengthen
8	their families and communities;
9	(3) to engage and support parents, care givers,
10	and families in their role as first educators of their
11	children;
12	(4) to promote community and family engage-
13	ment in the academic and developmental needs of
14	children and youth;
15	(5) to leverage and integrate the human and fi-
16	nancial assets of local communities, schools, State
17	governments, the Federal Government, and the nat-
18	ural assets of communities—
19	(A) toward better results for children,
20	youth, and families; and
21	(B) for sustained civic capacity; and
22	(6) to develop school improvement strategies
23	that incorporate approaches that meet the com-
24	prehensive needs of children and youth, such as full

1 service community schools, community-based, inte-2 grated student services, and related approaches. 3 SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS. 4 In this Act: (1) Community-based, integrated student 6 SERVICES.—The term "community-based, integrated student services" means interventions, coordinated 7 8 through a single point of contact, that improve stu-9 dent achievement by connecting community re-10 sources with the academic and social service needs 11 of students. 12 (2)COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN EDU-13 CATION.— 14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term "community 15 engagement in education" means systematic efforts to involve, engage, and collaborate with 16 17 parents, community residents, members of 18 school communities, community partners, and 19 other stakeholders in exploring the needs of 20 their students and schools, developing plans to 21 address those needs, and working together to 22 address those needs. 23 (B) Inclusions.—The term includes ef-

fective community engagement in an ongoing process to develop a welcoming school and

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school system, mobilize the community's assets to support student achievement and growth, engage those individuals and stakeholders who traditionally have not participated, improve working relationships, and deepen the commitment to student success.

- (3) Family engagement in education.—
 The term "family engagement in education" means a shared responsibility of families and schools for student success, in which schools and community-based organizations are committed to reaching out to engage families in meaningful ways that encourage the families to actively support their children's learning and development, as well as the learning and development of other children. The shared responsibility is continuous from birth through young adulthood and reinforces learning that takes place in the home, school, and community.
- (4) Full service community school.—The term "full service community school" means a public elementary school or secondary school that—
 - (A) participates in a community-based effort to coordinate educational, developmental, family, health, and other comprehensive services through community-based organizations, spe-

1	cialized instructional support personnel em-
2	ployed by the school or the local educational
3	agency, and public and private partnerships;
4	and
5	(B) provides access to such services to stu-
6	dents, families, and the community, such as ac-
7	cess during the school year (including before-
8	and after-school hours), and during the sum-
9	mer.
10	(5) Local consortium.—The term "local con-
11	sortium" means a consortium consisting of commu-
12	nity representatives that—
13	(A) shall include—
14	(i) a local educational agency; and
15	(ii) not less than one other community
16	partner that is independent of the local
17	educational agency; and
18	(B) may include a broad array of commu-
19	nity partners, including—
20	(i) a community-based organization;
21	(ii) a child and youth serving organi-
22	zation or agency;
23	(iii) an institution of higher education;
24	(iv) a foundation;
25	(v) a business;

1	(vi) a teacher organization;
2	(vii) an organization representing edu-
3	cation professionals;
4	(viii) a local government, including a
5	government agency serving children and
6	youth, such as a child welfare and juvenile
7	justice agency;
8	(ix) an organization representing stu-
9	dents; and
10	(x) an organization representing par-
11	ents; and
12	(C) may include representatives from mul-
13	tiple jurisdictions.
14	(6) Local educational agency.—The term
15	"local educational agency" has the meaning given
16	the term in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-
17	ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).
18	(7) Outlying Area.—The term "outlying
19	area" has the meaning given the term in section
20	9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
21	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).
22	(8) Persistently Lowest-Achieving
23	SCHOOL.—The term "persistently lowest-achieving
24	school" has the meaning given the term in the final
25	requirements for school improvement grants pub-

- lished by the Department of Education in the Federal Register on October 28, 2010 (75 Fed. Reg. 66367 et seq.).
 - (9) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education.
 - (10) Specialized instructional support personnel" means school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, and other qualified professional personnel involved in providing assessment, diagnosis, counseling, educational, therapeutic, and other necessary corrective or supportive services (including related services as that term is defined in section 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401)) as part of a comprehensive program to meet student needs.
 - (11) Specialized instructional support services.—The term "specialized instructional support services" means the services provided by specialized instructional support personnel, and includes any other corrective or supportive services to meet student needs.
 - (12) STATE.—The term "State" means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

- 1 (13) CHRONICALLY ABSENT.—The term
 2 "chronically absent", when used with respect to a
 3 student, means a student who misses 10 percent or
 4 20 days or more of school days in an academic year.
- (14) DIGITAL LEARNING.—The term "digital 6 learning" means instructional practices that effec-7 tively use technology to strengthen the student learning experience and may include online and 8 9 formative assessments, instructional resources, on-10 line content and courses, applications of technology 11 in the classroom and school building, adaptive soft-12 ware for students with special needs, learning plat-13 forms, and online professional communities of prac-14 tice.

15 SEC. 5. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED; ALLOT-

16 MENT TO STATES.

- 17 (a) FORMULA GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—
- 18 (1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appro19 priated under section 13, the Secretary is authorized
 20 to award grants, under subsection (c) or (d), to
 21 States having applications approved under section
 22 7(b) to enable the States to award subgrants to local
 23 consortia to leverage and integrate human and fi24 nancial assets at all levels in order to—

1	(A) ensure the academic, physical, social,
2	emotional, and civic development of disadvan-
3	taged youth; and
4	(B) strengthen the families and commu-
5	nities of the disadvantaged youth and achieve
6	the results developed pursuant to section
7	6(e)(1).
8	(2) Duration.—The Secretary shall award a
9	grant under this subsection for a period of 5 years.
10	(3) Renewal.—The Secretary may renew a
11	grant under this subsection for a period of 5 years.
12	(b) Reservation.—From the funds appropriated
13	under section 13 for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall
14	reserve—
15	(1) not more than 2 percent for national activi-
16	ties, which the Secretary may carry out directly or
17	through grants and contracts, such as—
18	(A) providing training technical assistance
19	to local consortia and organizations partnering
20	with local consortia to carry out services under
21	this Act; or
22	(B) conducting the national evaluation
23	pursuant to section 12(a)(3); and
24	(2) not more than 1 percent for payments to
25	the outlying areas and the Bureau of Indian Affairs

to be allotted in accordance with their respective needs for assistance under this Act, as determined by the Secretary, to enable the outlying areas and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(c) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

- (1) Determination.—From the funds appropriated under section 13 for any fiscal year that are equal to or greater than \$200,000,000 which remain after the Secretary makes the reservations under subsection (b), the Secretary shall allot to each State for the fiscal year an amount that bears the same relationship to the remainder as the amount the State received under subpart 2 of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6331 et seq.) for the preceding fiscal year bears to the amount all States received under that subpart for the preceding fiscal year, except that no State shall receive less than an amount equal to ½ of 1 percent of such funds.
- (2) REALLOTMENT OF UNUSED FUNDS.—If a State does not receive an allotment under this Act for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reallot the amount of the State's allotment to the remaining States in accordance with this section.

1	(d) Competitive Grants Authorized.—
2	(1) In general.—For any year for which the
3	amount appropriated under section 13 is less than
4	\$200,000,000, the Secretary shall award grants, on
5	a competitive basis, to local consortia to enable the
6	local consortia to carry out local strategies in ac-
7	cordance with sections 9 and 10.
8	(2) Targeted local consortia.—The Sec-
9	retary shall only award a grant to a local consortium
10	under this subsection if the local consortium submits
11	an application that proposes—
12	(A) to serve children and youth in schools
13	or communities with the highest proportions of
14	students from low-income families; and
15	(B) to provide a comprehensive continuum
16	of services, including not less than 1 service
17	from each of not less than 3 categories of serv-
18	ices described in paragraphs (3) through (11)
19	of section 10(b), which proposal—
20	(i) shall be submitted by a local con-
21	sortium comprised of a broad representa-
22	tion of stakeholders and decisionmakers in
23	the community, including a multitude of
24	community partners described in section
25	4(5)(B); or

1	(ii) shall demonstrate the capacity for
2	successful implementation through a his-
3	tory of successful collaboration and effec-
4	tiveness in strengthening outcomes for chil-
5	dren and youth.
6	(3) Accountability and transparency.—
7	The Secretary shall apply those provisions of section
8	12 that the Secretary determines applicable to local
9	consortia receiving funds under this subsection.
10	SEC. 6. STATE CHILD AND YOUTH STRATEGY.
11	(a) In General.—A State that receives a grant
12	under this Act shall use the grant funds to develop and
13	implement a State child and youth strategy (hereafter in
14	this Act referred to as the "State strategy").
15	(b) Strategy Requirements.—The State strat-
16	egy—
17	(1) shall be developed by the Governor of the
18	State and the State educational agency;
19	(2) shall include the components described in
20	subsection (c); and
21	(3) may include other components as the Gov-
22	ernor determines necessary to strengthen results for
23	children and youth.

1	(c) REQUIRED COMPONENTS.—The State strategy
2	components required under subsection (b) are the fol-
3	lowing:
4	(1) State results framework.—The State
5	strategy shall contain comprehensive, research-based
6	annual goals and aligned quantifiable indicators
7	demonstrating continuous improvement with respect
8	to youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, that
9	shall serve as targets for each year with respect to
10	which the State strategy applies. The goals shall in-
11	clude the following:
12	(A) Children are ready for school.
13	(B) Students are engaged and achieving in
14	school.
15	(C) Students are physically, mentally, so-
16	cially, and emotionally healthy.
17	(D) Schools and neighborhoods are safe
18	and provide a positive climate for learning.
19	(E) Families and communities are sup-
20	portive and engaged in their children's edu-
21	cation as equal partners.
22	(F) Graduates are ready for postsecondary
23	education and 21st-century careers.
24	(G) Students are contributing to their
25	communities

- 1 (H) Students are not chronically absent.
- 2 (2) NEEDS AND ASSETS ASSESSMENT.—The
 3 State strategy shall contain an assessment of the
 4 children's needs, and of assets within the State that
 5 can be mobilized, coordinated, and integrated to
 6 achieve the State strategy's goals, which may include
 7 data collected by the Federal Interagency Forum on
 8 Child and Family Statistics.
 - (3) STATE CHILD AND YOUTH PLAN.—The State strategy shall include a description of the State's plan to achieve the goals described in paragraph (1) for young people from birth through the transition to adulthood, including the following:
 - (A) LEVERAGE AND INTEGRATION.—A description of how funds received under this Act will be coordinated and integrated with other Federal and State funds in order to achieve the goals developed pursuant to paragraph (1).
 - (B) ELIMINATION OF STATE BARRIERS TO COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION.—A description of how funds received under this Act will be used to identify and eliminate State barriers to the coordination and integration of programs, initiatives, and funding streams to

1	achieve the goals developed pursuant to para-
2	graph (1).
3	(C) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN EDU-
4	CATION.—A description of the State's plan to
5	increase community engagement in the aca-
6	demic and developmental needs of children and
7	youth.
8	(D) Family engagement in edu-
9	CATION.—A description of the State's plan to
10	increase family engagement in the academic
11	and developmental needs of children and youth
12	(d) Existing Plans, Strategies, and Assess-
13	MENTS.—Existing plans, strategies, needs assessments, or
14	assets assessments may be used to satisfy the require-
15	ments of this section if such existing plans, strategies
16	needs assessments, or assets assessments include the in-
17	formation required by this section, or can be modified to
18	do so, and are submitted to the Secretary with such modi-
19	fications.
20	SEC. 7. COORDINATING BODY; STATE APPLICATIONS.
21	(a) Coordinating Body.—
22	(1) IN GENERAL.—In order for a State to be el-
23	igible to receive a grant under this Act, the Gov-

ernor of the State shall designate or establish a co-

1	ordinating body for student learning and develop-
2	ment that shall—
3	(A) administer funds provided under this
4	Act;
5	(B) facilitate communication between the
6	public and the Governor pertaining to issues
7	impacting children and youth from birth
8	through the transition to adulthood, including
9	issues pertaining to service coordination and in-
10	tegration;
11	(C) identify and eliminate State barriers to
12	the coordination and integration of programs,
13	initiatives, and funding streams, and facilitate
14	coordination and collaboration among State
15	agencies serving children and youth;
16	(D) strengthen the capacity of State and
17	local organizations to achieve positive outcomes
18	for children and youth through training, tech-
19	nical assistance, professional development, and
20	other means;
21	(E) assist the Governor in developing and
22	carrying out the State strategy; and
23	(F) coordinate the submission of the State
24	application under subsection (b).

1	(2) Designation of coordinating body.—
2	The Governor may designate an existing agency,
3	Children's Cabinet, P-20 Council, child and youth
4	development partnership, or other organization as
5	the coordinating body for student learning and de-
6	velopment described in paragraph (1) if the agency,
7	cabinet, council, partnership, or organization—
8	(A) performs duties similar to the duties
9	described in paragraph (1); or
10	(B) if the duties of the agency, cabinet,
11	council, partnership, or organization can be
12	modified to include the duties described in
13	paragraph (1).
14	(b) STATE APPLICATION.—
15	(1) In general.—Each State desiring a grant
16	under this Act shall submit to the Secretary an ap-
17	plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
18	taining such information as the Secretary may re-
19	quire.
20	(2) Contents.—Each application submitted
21	under this subsection shall include the following:
22	(A) STATE STRATEGY.—A description of
23	how the State will develop the State strategy.
24	(B) Grants to local consortia.—A de-
25	scription of how subgrants to local consortia

- will be awarded pursuant to section 8 and how
 the subgrants will facilitate community planning and effective service coordination, integration, and provision at the local level to achieve
 the goals developed by the State pursuant to
 section 6(c)(1) within the context of local needs
 and priorities.
 - (C) Capacity building.—A description of how grant funds received under this Act will be used to build State and local capacity through training, technical assistance, and professional development.
 - (D) ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RESULTS.—A description of the State's plans to adhere to the accountability and transparency requirements described in section 12(b).
 - (3) REVISED APPLICATION.—Each State desiring to renew a grant under this Act shall submit a revised application to the Secretary every 5 years based on an assessment of the activities conducted under this Act.

22 SEC. 8. STATE USE OF FUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—From the grant funds made available to a State under this Act for any fiscal year—

1	(1) the State shall use not less than 95 percent
2	to award subgrants to local consortia under sub-
3	section (b);
4	(2) the State may use not less than 3 percent
5	for evaluation and capacity building activities, in-
6	cluding training, technical assistance, and profes-
7	sional development; and
8	(3) the State may use not more than 2 percent
9	for the administrative costs of carrying out respon-
10	sibilities under this Act.
11	(b) Subgrants to Local Consortia.—
12	(1) In general.—A State that receives a
13	grant under this Act shall use the portion of the
14	grant funds described in subsection (a)(1) to award
15	subgrants to local consortia.
16	(2) Priority.—In awarding subgrants to local
17	consortia, a State shall give priority to applications
18	from local consortia—
19	(A) that—
20	(i) propose to serve children and
21	youth in schools designated by the State
22	educational agency as persistently lowest-
23	achievement schools; or

1	(ii) that include at least one persist-
2	ently lowest-achieving school, as deter-
3	mined by the State; and
4	(B) that propose to provide a comprehen-
5	sive continuum of services, including not less
6	than 1 service from each of not less than 3 cat-
7	egories of services described in paragraphs (3)
8	through (11) of section 10(b), which proposal—
9	(i) shall be submitted by local con-
10	sortia comprised of a broad representation
11	of stakeholders and decisionmakers in the
12	community, including a multitude of com-
13	munity partners described in section
14	4(5)(B); or
15	(ii) shall demonstrate the capacity for
16	successful implementation through a his-
17	tory of successful collaboration and effec-
18	tiveness in strengthening outcomes for chil-
19	dren and youth.
20	(3) Duration of Grant.—Each subgrant
21	awarded under this section shall be for a period of
22	5 years and shall be renewable based on progress to-
23	ward achieving the results described in section
24	9(b)(2)(A).

- 1 (c) Planning Grants.—A State that receives a
- 2 grant under this Act may award planning grants to local
- 3 consortia to enable the local consortia to develop the local
- 4 strategy described in section 9(b). Such planning grants
- 5 shall be for a duration of—
- 6 (1) not more than 6 months and in an amount
- 7 of not more than \$50,000; or
- 8 (2) not more than 1 year and in an amount of
- 9 not more than \$100,000.
- 10 (d) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—A State that re-
- 11 ceives a grant under this Act shall use the grant funds
- 12 to supplement, not supplant, Federal and non-Federal
- 13 funds available to support child and youth services.
- 14 (e) Allocation to Rural Areas.—
- 15 (1) In General.—A State that receives grant
- funding under this Act for a fiscal year shall use the
- grant funds to award an amount, in the aggregate,
- of subgrant funding under section 8 to rural local
- consortia in the State that is not less than the
- amount that bears the same relation to the amount
- of the grant funding as the amount received by local
- 22 educational agencies serving rural local consortia in
- 23 the State under subpart 2 of part A of title I of the
- 24 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
- 25 (20 U.S.C. 6331 et seq.) for the preceding fiscal

1	year bears to the amount received by the State
2	under such subpart for the preceding fiscal year.
3	(2) Rural local consortium.—In this sub-
4	section the term "rural local consortium" means a
5	local consortium serving an area of the State that
6	has a locale code of 41, 42, or 43.
7	SEC. 9. LOCAL CONSORTIUM APPLICATION; LOCAL CHILD
8	AND YOUTH STRATEGY.
9	(a) Local Consortium Application.—
10	(1) In general.—A local consortium that de-
11	sires a subgrant under section 8 shall submit an ap-
12	plication to the State at such time, in such manner
13	and containing such information as the State may
14	require.
15	(2) Contents.—An application submitted
16	under this section shall include—
17	(A) a description of the local consortium
18	including which public or nonprofit entity par-
19	ticipating in the local consortium shall serve as
20	the fiscal agent for the local consortium;
21	(B) the local child and youth strategy
22	(hereafter in this Act referred to as "local
23	strategy") described in subsection (b); and
24	(C) a description of how the local strategy
25	will be coordinated with the local educational

1	agency plan required under section 1112 of the
2	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
3	1965 (20 U.S.C. 6312).
4	(b) Local Strategy.—
5	(1) In general.—The local strategy—
6	(A) shall be developed by the local consor-
7	tium;
8	(B) shall include the components described
9	in paragraph (2); and
10	(C) may include such other components as
11	the local consortium determines necessary to
12	strengthen outcomes for young people from
13	birth through the transition to adulthood.
14	(2) Components.—The local strategy compo-
15	nents required under paragraph (1)(B) are the fol-
16	lowing:
17	(A) Local results framework.—Com-
18	prehensive, research-based goals and aligned
19	quantifiable indicators for the goals, with re-
20	spect to youth, particularly disadvantaged
21	youth, that shall serve as targets for the year
22	with respect to which the local strategy applies.
23	The goals shall include the following:
24	(i) Children are ready for school.

1	(ii) Students are engaged and achiev-
2	ing in school.
3	(iii) Students are physically, mentally,
4	socially, and emotionally healthy.
5	(iv) Schools and neighborhoods are
6	safe and provide a positive climate for
7	learning.
8	(v) Families are supportive and en-
9	gaged in their children's education.
10	(vi) Students are ready for postsec-
11	ondary education and 21st-century careers.
12	(vii) Students are contributing to
13	their communities.
14	(B) Assets assessment.—An assessment
15	of potential resources, services, and opportuni-
16	ties available within or near the community that
17	children and youth, their families, and re-
18	sources in the community may be able to access
19	in order to meet the needs identified under sub-
20	paragraph (C), to help achieve the goals and in-
21	dicators under subparagraph (A), and to sup-
22	port students to achieve the challenging State
23	student academic achievement standards, in-
24	cluding the variety of services that can be inte-
25	grated—

1	(i) into a community school site; and
2	(ii) through the presence of special-
3	ized student support personnel and local
4	educational agency liaisons for homeless
5	children and youth designated pursuant to
6	section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-
7	Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
8	11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)).
9	(C) Needs assessment.—An analysis of
10	the comprehensive needs of the students served
11	by the local consortium, their families, and the
12	community that—
13	(i) includes input from students, par-
14	ents, and community members;
15	(ii) assesses the academic, physical,
16	social, emotional, health, mental health,
17	and civic needs of students and their fami-
18	lies; and
19	(iii) may impact students' ability to
20	meet the challenging State student aca-
21	demic achievement standards.
22	(D) SERVICE INTEGRATION AND PROVI-
23	SION.—A plan to coordinate and integrate serv-
24	ices and provide services in order to meet the
25	needs identified under subparagraph (C) and

1	achieve the results and aligned quantifiable in-
2	dicators described in subparagraph (A), includ-
3	ing—
4	(i) a description of the services admin-
5	istered by members of the local consortium
6	that are funded through grants provided
7	under the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
8	cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et
9	seq.) that will be coordinated as part of the
10	subgrant provided under section 8; and
11	(ii) if applicable, a description of the
12	coordination among services provided by
13	community-based organizations and serv-
14	ices provided by specialized instructional
15	support personnel serving local educational
16	agencies participating in the local consor-
17	tium.
18	(E) Community engagement in edu-
19	CATION.—A plan to increase community en-
20	gagement in academic and developmental needs
21	of children and youth.
22	(F) Family engagement in edu-
23	CATION.—A plan to increase family engagement
24	in the academic and developmental needs of
25	children and youth.

1 (3) EXISTING PLANS, STRATEGIES, AND AS2 SESSMENTS.—Existing plans, strategies, needs as3 sessments, or assets assessments may be used to
4 satisfy the requirements of this section if such exist5 ing plans, strategies, needs assessments, or assets
6 assessments include the information required by this
7 section, or can be modified to do so, and are sub8 mitted to the Secretary with such modifications.

9 SEC. 10. LOCAL USE OF FUNDS.

- 10 (a) Mandatory Use of Funds.—A local consor-11 tium that receives a subgrant under section 8 shall use 12 the subgrant funds—
- 13 (1) to integrate multiple private and public 14 services into a comprehensive, coordinated con-15 tinuum that meets the holistic needs of young peo-16 ple;
 - (2) to implement the comprehensive, coordinated continuum of services described in paragraph (1) through research-based services producing quantifiable results that align with the local results framework described in section 9(b)(2)(A);
- 22 (3) to address the needs identified in the needs 23 assessment carried out pursuant to section 24 9(b)(2)(C) by leveraging the assets identified in the

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1	assets assessment carried out pursuant to section
2	9(b)(2)(B); and
3	(4) if applicable, to coordinate efforts with the
4	specialized instructional support personnel serving
5	local educational agencies participating in the local
6	consortium.
7	(b) Permissible Use of Funds.—A local consor-
8	tium that receives a subgrant under section 8 may use
9	the subgrant funds to coordinate, integrate, and enhance
10	existing services, and provide new services, in order to pro-
11	vide young people with research-based, comprehensive
12	services at, or that are connected to, schools, including—
13	(1) community-based, integrated student serv-
14	ices;
15	(2) full service community schools;
16	(3) high-quality early childhood learning and
17	development, including—
18	(A) early childhood education;
19	(B) programs under the Head Start Act
20	(42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), including Early Head
21	Start programs;
22	(C) early reading first programs;
23	(D) child care services;
24	(E) early childhood-school transition serv-
25	ices;

1	(F) home visiting;
2	(G) parenting education; and
3	(H) services for young children with spe-
4	cial needs;
5	(4) academic support services, including—
6	(A) tutoring;
7	(B) extended day programs, afterschool
8	programs, or both such programs, which shall
9	include services provided through 21st Century
10	Community Learning Centers under part B of
11	title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
12	cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171 et seq.);
13	(C) academic support services for English-
14	language learners;
15	(D) programs for students and parents to
16	learn together, including opportunities in such
17	fields as technology, art, music, and language
18	acquisition;
19	(E) multiple pathways toward attaining a
20	high school diploma and preparing students for
21	college, including—
22	(i) dual enrollment programs;
23	(ii) early college high schools;
24	(iii) strategies for preventing at-risk
25	youth from dropping out of high school:

1	(iv) dropout recovery strategies, in-
2	cluding strategies that award credit based
3	on student performance instead of instruc-
4	tional time; and
5	(v) other activities that combine rig-
6	orous coursework, personalized learning
7	environments, practical applications, and
8	comprehensive support services;
9	(F) summer enrichment and learning expe-
10	riences; and
11	(G) services for students with disabilities;
12	(5) health services, including—
13	(A) primary health care;
14	(B) dental care;
15	(C) vision care;
16	(D) speech and hearing care;
17	(E) mental health services;
18	(F) nutrition services;
19	(G) health education; and
20	(H) developmental and habilitation services
21	for young people with special needs;
22	(6) youth development, including—
23	(A) mentoring and other youth develop-
24	ment programs, including programs that engage
25	older adults;

1	(B) recreation and physical education;
2	(C) service learning, civic education, lead-
3	ership development, entrepreneurship, and com-
4	munity service opportunities;
5	(D) job training, career counseling, and in-
6	ternship opportunities;
7	(E) career and technical education;
8	(F) college preparation and counseling
9	services; and
10	(G) positive behavioral interventions and
11	supports;
12	(7) social services for students and families, in-
13	cluding—
14	(A) family support programs, including
15	housing assistance, counseling, financial edu-
16	cation, crisis intervention, and related services;
17	(B) programs that provide assistance to
18	students who have been truant, suspended, or
19	expelled;
20	(C) programs or efforts intended to iden-
21	tify young people without a high school diploma
22	and reengage the young people in school so that
23	the young people may attain a high school di-
24	ploma;

1	(D) strategies that engage older adults as
2	resources to students and families; and
3	(E) services for homeless students, foster
4	children and youth, students previously under
5	the custody of the juvenile justice system, and
6	students who are pregnant and parenting;
7	(8) parent and adult education programs, in-
8	cluding—
9	(A) programs that promote family literacy,
10	including family literacy programs for English-
11	language learners;
12	(B) parent and caregiver leadership and
13	parent and caregiver education activities;
14	(C) translation services;
15	(D) adult education, including instruction
16	in English as a second language, and job train-
17	ing; and
18	(E) citizenship preparation for individuals
19	choosing to become United States citizens;
20	(9) juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation
21	programs, including—
22	(A) youth courts, teen courts, peer juries,
23	and drug courts; and
24	(B) tribal youth programs;

1	(10) specialized instructional support services
2	including specialized instructional support personnel
3	(11) service coordination staffing that ensures
4	young people receive comprehensive services to meet
5	the holistic needs of the young people;
6	(12) training, technical assistance, and profes-
7	sional development for school-based and community-
8	based personnel to build capacity and skills to edu-
9	cate English-language learners;
10	(13) training, technical assistance, and profes-
11	sional development for school-based and community-
12	based personnel providing comprehensive services to
13	children and youth;
14	(14) subgrants to nonprofit and other organiza-
15	tions to implement the requirements and allowable
16	services under this section;
17	(15) reasonable program administration and
18	planning associated with the activities required
19	under this section;
20	(16) access to and training on digital learning
21	and
22	(17) other services consistent with this section
23	SEC. 11. CONSTRUCTION.
24	Nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or oth-
25	erwise affect the rights, remedies, and procedures afforded

1	school or school district employees under Federal, State
2	or local laws (including applicable regulations or court or
3	ders) or under the terms of collective bargaining agree
4	ments, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements
5	between such employees and their employers.
6	SEC. 12. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.
7	(a) Federal Accountability and Trans-
8	PARENCY.—
9	(1) Annual Report.—On an annual basis, the
10	Secretary shall report to the public, Congress, and
11	the President—
12	(A) the collective progress made by—
13	(i) States in achieving the goals estab-
14	lished within the State results frameworks
15	described in section $6(c)(1)$; and
16	(ii) communities in achieving the goals
17	established within the local results frame
18	works pursuant to section 9(b)(2)(A);
19	(B) how funds under this Act were used by
20	States and local consortia to improve the lives
21	of children, youth, and families, including—
22	(i) the characteristics of the young
23	people and families served by the activities
24	and services assisted under this Act:

1	(ii) the services and supports provided
2	under this Act; and
3	(iii) outcomes resulting from the ac-
4	tivities and services funded under this Act;
5	(C) actions taken pursuant to paragraph
6	(2) regarding misuse or ineffective use of funds;
7	and
8	(D) other information the Secretary deter-
9	mines to be of interest to the public.
10	(2) Correction of Deficiencies.—If the
11	Secretary determines, based on a review of State an-
12	nual reports, State strategies, State data submis-
13	sions, evaluations, or other documentation, that a
14	State or entity that receives funds through a grant
15	or contract made under this Act makes insufficient
16	progress toward achieving the goals established with-
17	in the State results framework pursuant to section
18	6(c)(1) within 3 years of receiving a grant under
19	section 5(a), or is misusing, ineffectively using, or
20	otherwise not complying with the requirements of
21	this Act, the Secretary shall—
22	(A) notify the State of the deficiencies that
23	require correction and request that the State
24	submit a plan to correct the deficiencies;

1	(B) negotiate a plan to correct the defi-
2	ciencies, and provide appropriate training or
3	technical assistance designed to assist the State
4	in complying with the requirements of this Act;
5	and
6	(C) in the case that the State fails to sub-
7	mit or negotiate a plan to correct the defi-
8	ciencies or fails to make substantial efforts,
9	within 6 months after the date of the notifica-
10	tion described in paragraph (1), to correct the
11	deficiencies and comply with the requirements
12	of this Act—
13	(i) terminate the provision of funds
14	under this Act to the State or entity for
15	the remainder of the period of the grant or
16	contract; and
17	(ii) redistribute the terminated fund-
18	ing in the manner described in section
19	5(e).
20	(3) Independent ongoing evaluation.—
21	(A) In General.—The Secretary shall
22	carry out an ongoing evaluation of the activities
23	conducted under this Act and shall submit the
24	evaluation results to Congress and the public by

not later than June of 2018 and June of 2020.

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(B) RIGOROUS AND INDEPENDENT EVAL-UATION.—The Secretary shall enter into a contract with an entity independent of the Department of Education to carry out the evaluation required under this paragraph. To the extent the Secretary determines feasible, the evaluation shall include large-scale, longitudinal, randomized studies to identify the most effective combinations of academic and nonacademic interventions, including interventions administered by community-based organizations, to achieve improvements in academic and other outcomes for students.

(C) EVALUATION OUTCOMES.—

(i) In General.—The evaluation required under this paragraph shall measure the process of developing and implementing effective partnerships among schools, school districts, families, students, and community partners, as well as the impact of activities conducted under this Act, which may include impacts on the following outcomes:

(I) Student achievement as measured by assessment data, classroom

1	grades, and other means of measuring
2	student performance.
3	(II) Graduation rates.
4	(III) School readiness.
5	(IV) Numbers of detentions, sus-
6	pensions, and expulsions.
7	(V) Enrollment in postsecondary
8	education.
9	(VI) The degree of communica-
10	tion between schools and families.
11	(VII) The degree of parental par-
12	ticipation in school activities.
13	(VIII) Student health, including
14	mental health and risk factors at
15	birth.
16	(IX) Student civic participation.
17	(X) Attendance.
18	(XI) The number of students and
19	families receiving services.
20	(XII) Other outcome areas as de-
21	termined by the Secretary in consulta-
22	tion with State educational agencies,
23	local educational agencies, teacher or-
24	ganizations, secondary students, and

1	nonprofit organizations providing
2	services to children and youth.
3	(ii) DISAGGREGATION.—The outcomes
4	described in clause (i) shall be
5	disaggregated by all subgroups identified
6	in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) of the Elemen-
7	tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
8	(20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(C)(v)), gender, and
9	family income.
10	(b) STATE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.—
11	(1) Annual report.—On an annual basis,
12	each State shall report to the public and the Sec-
13	retary such information as the Secretary may rea-
14	sonably require, including—
15	(A) progress made toward achieving—
16	(i) the goals established within the
17	State results framework pursuant to sec-
18	tion $6(c)(1)$ disaggregated in the same
19	manner as information is disaggregated
20	under subsection (a)(3)(C)(ii); and
21	(ii) the goals established within the
22	local results frameworks pursuant to sec-
23	tion $9(b)(2)(A);$

1	(B) how funds under this Act were used by
2	States and local consortia to improve the lives
3	of children, youth, and families, including—
4	(i) the characteristics of the young
5	people and families served by the activities
6	and services assisted under this Act;
7	(ii) the services and supports provided
8	under this Act; and
9	(iii) outcomes resulting from the ac-
10	tivities and services funded under this Act;
11	(C) information on Federal barriers to ef-
12	fective State and local coordination;
13	(D) the extent of coordination between
14	State departments and agencies providing youth
15	services in place to achieve the goals within the
16	State results framework pursuant to section
17	6(e)(1);
18	(E) the extent to which the objectives and
19	budgets of State departments and agencies pro-
20	viding child and youth services were consistent
21	with the recommendations of the State strategy
22	for the preceding year;
23	(F) the efficiency and adequacy of State
24	and local programs and policies with respect to
25	child and youth services;

1	(G) actions taken pursuant to paragraph
2	(2) regarding misuse or ineffective use of funds;
3	and
4	(H) other information the State determines
5	to be of interest to the public.
6	(2) Correction of Deficiencies.—If the
7	State determines, based on a review of reports, data
8	submissions, evaluations, or other documentation,
9	that a local consortium or organization that receives
10	funds through a subgrant made under this Act
11	makes insufficient progress toward achieving the
12	goals established within the local results framework
13	pursuant to section 9(b)(2)(A) within 3 years of re-
14	ceiving a subgrant under section 8, or is misusing,
15	ineffectively using, or otherwise not complying with
16	the requirements of this Act, the State shall—
17	(A) notify the local consortium of the defi-
18	ciencies that require correction and request that
19	the consortium submit a plan to correct the de-
20	ficiencies;
21	(B) negotiate a plan to correct the defi-
22	ciencies, and provide appropriate training or
23	technical assistance designed to assist the local
24	consortium in complying with the requirements
25	of this Act; and

1 (C) in the case that the local consortium 2 fails to submit or negotiate a plan to correct 3 the deficiencies or fails to make substantial efforts, within 6 months after the date of the no-4 tification described in subparagraph (A), to cor-6 rect the deficiencies and comply with the re-7 quirements of this Act, terminate the provision 8 of funds under this Act to the local consortium 9 or organization for the remainder of the period 10 of the subgrant and redistribute the terminated 11 funding in a manner determined by the State to 12 be in the best interests of the children and 13 youth in such State in accordance with this Act. 14 (c) Local Accountability and Transparency.— 15 On an annual basis, each local consortium shall report to the public and the State such information as the State 16 17 may reasonably require, including— 18 (1) progress made toward achieving the goals 19 20

- established within the local results framework pursuant to section 9(b)(2)(A) disaggregated in the same manner as information is disaggregated under subsection (a)(3)(C)(ii);
- (2) how funds under this Act were used by the local consortium and subgrant recipients to improve the lives of children, youth, and families, including—

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1	(A) the characteristics of the young people
2	and families served by the activities and serv-
3	ices assisted under this Act;
4	(B) the services and supports provided
5	under this Act; and
6	(C) outcomes resulting from the activities
7	and services funded under this Act;
8	(3) information on State barriers to effective
9	local coordination;
10	(4) the extent of coordination between local
11	agencies and organizations providing services to
12	achieve the goals within the local results framework
13	pursuant to section 9(b)(2)(A); and
14	(5) other information the local consortium de-
15	termines to be of interest to the public.
16	SEC. 13. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
17	There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
18	this Act such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
19	years 2016 through 2019.

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