

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2543

To amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to require the National Center for Education Statistics to collect, acquire, compile, and disseminate student attainment in languages other than English, and to require the National Center for Education Research to support research on attainment in languages other than English.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Language Education
5 Data Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH ON ATTAINMENT IN LANGUAGES OTHER**
 2 **THAN ENGLISH AND DATA ON STUDENT AT-**
 3 **TAINMENT IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN**
 4 **ENGLISH.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF LANGUAGE OTHER THAN
 6 ENGLISH.—Section 102 of the Education Sciences Reform
 7 Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9501) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (16), (17),
 9 (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), and (23) as paragraphs
 10 (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), and (24), re-
 11 spectively; and

12 (2) by inserting before paragraph (17) (as so
 13 redesignated) the following:

14 “(16) LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH.—The
 15 term ‘language other than English’ means any spo-
 16 ken or unspoken language other than English, in-
 17 cluding a Native American language and American
 18 Sign Language.”.

19 (b) ATTAINMENT IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN
 20 ENGLISH AS A TOPIC OF RESEARCH.—Section 133(c)(2)
 21 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C.
 22 9533(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end of the fol-
 23 lowing:

24 “(L) Attainment in languages other than
 25 English.”.

1 (c) REPORTING ON ATTAINMENT IN LANGUAGES
2 OTHER THAN ENGLISH.—Section 153(a)(1) of the Edu-
3 cation Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C.
4 9543(a)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (N), by striking “and”
6 after the semicolon;

7 (2) in subparagraph (O), by inserting “and”
8 after the semicolon; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(P) student enrollment in courses in lan-
11 guages other than English, the number and cer-
12 tification of teachers employed in teaching lan-
13 guages other than English, and the number and
14 distribution of courses offered in languages
15 other than English at all levels of education,
16 disaggregated by course type and whether the
17 course is traditional, dual language immersion,
18 full immersion, hybrid, or online;”.

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