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The All Students Achieving Through Reform Act (All-STAR)

The All-STAR Act builds on the bipartisan Empowering Parents Through Quality Charter Schools Act, which passed the House of Representatives in the 112th Congress by a vote of 354-54. The legislation updates and improves the current Title V Charter Schools Program (CSP), the federal government's program to support the financing and growth of public charter schools across the country. It will enable and encourage new charter school start ups in addition to the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools and new charter school models.

The All-STAR Act:

- Provides incentives for states to adopt policies to support charter school success, including stronger authorizing practices and additional freedoms for charter schools with regard to enrollment policies, food services, and student supports.
- Increases the percentage of CSP funds reserved for grants to individual charter schools and charter management organizations with a demonstrated record of success.
- Allows charter schools that receive CSP grants to use their funds to provide transportation, purchase instructional materials, implement teacher and principal professional development programs, and hire additional staff.
- Consolidates funding streams into the existing state grant program, allowing state educational agencies (SEAs), local education agencies (LEAs), and charter school authorizers to award subgrants to support new charter school startups.
- Allows the Secretary of Education to award grants to individual charter schools and charter management organizations (CMOs) that have a demonstrated record of success.
- Provides support for public charter schools to secure facilities through credit enhancement activities.
- Authorizes the Department of Education to support technical assistance to applicants, the dissemination of best practices of charter schools, and supports a comprehensive evaluation of the program.

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