

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2211
OFFERED BY MR. BURNS OF GEORGIA AND MR.
OWENS OF NEW YORK

(Page & line nos. refer to Substitute Amendment)

Page 40, after line 24, insert the following (and re-designate provisions accordingly):

1 **SEC. 4. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

2 Title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
3 U.S.C. 1021 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“PART C—CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE**

6 **“SEC. 231. PURPOSES; DEFINITIONS.**

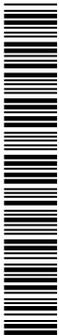
7 “(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this part are—

8 “(1) to help recruit and prepare teachers, in-
9 cluding minority teachers, to meet the national de-
10 mand for a highly qualified teacher in every class-
11 room; and

12 “(2) to increase opportunities for Americans of
13 all educational, ethnic, class, and geographic back-
14 grounds to become highly qualified teachers.

15 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this part:

16 “(1) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘eligi-
17 ble institution’ means an institution of higher edu-
18 cation that has a teacher preparation program that



1 meets the requirements of section 203(b)(2) and
2 that is—

3 “(A) a part B institution (as defined in
4 section 322) or a consortium of such institu-
5 tions;

6 “(B) a Hispanic-serving institution (as de-
7 fined in section 502);

8 “(C) a Tribal College or University (as de-
9 fined in section 316);

10 “(D) an Alaska Native-serving institution
11 (as defined in section 317(b)); or

12 “(E) a Native Hawaiian-serving institution
13 (as defined in section 317(b)).

14 “(2) HIGHLY QUALIFIED.—The term ‘highly
15 qualified’ has the meaning given such term in sec-
16 tion 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

18 “(3) SCIENTIFICALLY BASED READING RE-
19 SEARCH.—The term ‘scientifically based reading re-
20 search’ has the meaning given such term in section
21 1208 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
22 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6368).

23 “(4) SCIENTIFICALLY BASED RESEARCH.—The
24 term ‘scientifically based research’ has the meaning
25 given such term in section 9101 of the Elementary



1 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 7801).

3 **“SEC. 232. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

4 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From the amounts
5 appropriated to carry out this part, the Secretary is au-
6 thorized to award competitive grants to eligible institu-
7 tions to establish centers of excellence.

8 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants provided by the Sec-
9 retary under this part shall be used to ensure that current
10 and future teachers are highly qualified, by carrying out
11 one or more of the following activities:

12 “(1) Implementing reforms within teacher prep-
13 aration programs to ensure that such programs are
14 preparing teachers who are highly qualified, and are
15 able to use advanced technology effectively in the
16 classroom, including use for instructional techniques
17 to improve student academic achievement, by—

18 “(A) retraining faculty; and

19 “(B) designing (or redesigning) teacher
20 preparation programs that—

21 “(i) prepare teachers to close student
22 achievement gaps, are based on rigorous
23 academic content, scientifically based re-
24 search (including scientifically based read-



1 ing research), and challenging State stu-
2 dent academic content standards; and

3 “(ii) promote strong teaching skills.

4 “(2) Providing sustained and high-quality
5 preservice clinical experience, including the men-
6 toring of prospective teachers by exemplary teachers,
7 substantially increasing interaction between faculty
8 at institutions of higher education and new and ex-
9 perience teachers, principals, and other administra-
10 tors at elementary schools or secondary schools, and
11 providing support, including preparation time, for
12 such interaction.

13 “(3) Developing and implementing initiatives to
14 promote retention of highly qualified teachers and
15 principals, including minority teachers and prin-
16 cipals, including programs that provide—

17 “(A) teacher mentoring from exemplary
18 teachers or principals; or

19 “(B) induction and support for teachers
20 and principals during their first 3 years of em-
21 ployment as teachers or principals, respectively;

22 “(4) Awarding scholarships based on financial
23 need to help students pay the costs of tuition, room,
24 board, and other expenses of completing a teacher
25 preparation program.



1 “(5) Disseminating information on effective
2 practices for teacher preparation and successful
3 teacher certification test preparation strategies.

4 “(6) Activities authorized under sections 202,
5 203, and 204.

6 “(c) APPLICATION.—Any eligible institution desiring
7 a grant under this section shall submit an application to
8 the Secretary at such a time, in such a manner, and ac-
9 companied by such information the Secretary may require.

10 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
11 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
12 section.

13 **“SEC. 233. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this part such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2004 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.”.

