

UNDERSTANDING

“World LEAP”

The World Language Education Assistance Program (LEAP) Act, (H.R. 5603)

DEFINITION

The World LEAP Act directs the Secretary of Education to award grants to local educational agencies to establish or improve world language or dual language programs.

PURPOSE

Establish or Improve Language Programs

Provide Students with the Language Skills Necessary for an Interconnected and Global World

Support and Uplift Language Programs

CRITERIA FOR GRANT SELECTION

Demonstrate K-12 Proficiency Growth

A Model that can be Duplicated

A Plan for Sustainability

Professional Development Component

PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS

- ★ Administer Intensive Summer Professional Development
- ★ Build Partnerships with Community-Based Heritage Language Schools
- ★ Conduct Programs in Consortia with an Institution of High Education
- ★ Provide Programs across all Groups Including Heritage and English Language Learners
- ★ Recruit Students from Diverse Backgrounds Into the Language Teacher Pipeline
- ★ Collaborate with State Licensure to Broaden Language Teacher Certification Pathways

RAISE YOUR VOICE

Imagine the ways in which the World LEAP Act will help make language learning a central part of education in the United States.

Consider the possibilities and advocate today!

Source: The World LEAP Act, H.R. 5603, 118th Cong. (2023-2024).
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5603>