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1st House Education Reform Bill Introduced Today

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Representative Hunter introduces the [first House education reform bill](#) to trim the fat and cut the spending on both Republican and Democrat supported programs that were found to be ineffective, duplicative, or earmarks resulting in savings of [\\$800 million to over \\$3 billion](#) and decreasing the number of federally funded programs by half, eliminating 43 programs.

The Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act is an effort to balance the budget and restore fiscal responsibility by repealing authorization on 43 wasteful education programs. Co-sponsored by Rep. John Kline, Chairman of the House education committee, and Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, the bill judiciously repeals both Republican and Democrat supported programs based on the premise of program and cost effectiveness as well as redundancy.

This act is an accountability measure for how public funding is spent in education. Funding for education has tripled since 1964 with little to show for this investment. More than 30 of the programs proposed to be repealed are merely those programs that were already defunded in the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution, consolidated or eliminated under President Obama's FY 2012 budget, or not recently or never funded. If these programs were already found to be ineffective or non-essential, then why continue funding them? Investing in education is an investment in the future of this country, but the investment should be informed and wise, made in programs that have proven to work and benefit students.