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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 2145 -- Indochina Refugee Children Assistance Act of 1975. This bill provides Federal funds to State educational agencies through fiscal year 1977 for education of Indochinese refugee children, and authorizes instruction programs for adult Indochinese refugees.

S. 2145 will authorize Federal payments to States, for the transition quarter and fiscal year 1977, to assist local education agencies (LEA's) in providing elementary and secondary education for Indochinese refugee children in both public and private schools. Title II of the bill will authorize payment to each State of an amount equal to the number of Indochinese refugee children aged 5 to 17 receiving public education services, multiplied by \$300 per child for the first 100 refugee children or the number equaling 1% of the LEA's enrollment -- whichever is lesser -- and \$600 per child for each additional child.

Finally, Title I of the bill will provide reimbursement to States for the additional expenses of educating the refugee children, as defined in the bill, for fiscal year 1976 only.

Title III of S. 2145 will authorize appropriations equal to the balance of any unused authorizations under the Adult Education Act for "emergency" programs of instruction for adult refugees for the period from July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1977.

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