

Incentives may be offered to science and math teachers

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Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill that would increase the number of highly qualified math and science teachers in schools by authorizing over 600 million dollars through 2012 for scholarships for students studying math and science education.

Funding enhanced training for current math and science teachers is included in the bill, and lawmakers hope better teachers will mean better test scores. According to statistics from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, only 25 percent of high school seniors are proficient or better in math and only 18 percent are proficient or better in science.