

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2300, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. FATTAH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 22, line 20, redesignate section 16 as section
17 and insert after line 19 the following:

1 **SEC. 16. EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.**

2 (a) EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.—Notwithstanding any
3 other provision of this Act, beginning 3 years after the
4 date of enactment of this Act no State shall receive Fed-
5 eral funds for its performance agreement under programs
6 specified in section 4 unless the State certifies annually
7 to the Secretary that—

8 (1) per pupil expenditure in the local edu-
9 cational agencies in the State are substantially
10 equal, taking into consideration the variation in cost
11 of serving pupils with special needs and the local
12 variation in cost of providing education services; or

13 (2) the achievement levels of students on read-
14 ing and mathematics assessments, graduation rates,
15 and rates of college-bound students in the local edu-
16 cational agencies with the lowest per pupil expendi-
17 tures are substantially equal to those of the local
18 educational agencies with the highest per pupil ex-
19 penditures.

1 (b) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary, in consultation
2 with the National Academy of Sciences, shall develop and
3 publish guidelines not later than one year after the date
4 of enactment of this Act to define the terms “substantially
5 equal” and “per pupil expenditures”.