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# S. 2200

To establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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exchange program, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States-Poland  
5       Parliamentary Youth Exchange Program Act of 2006”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress makes the following findings:

8               (1) The United States established diplomatic  
9       relations with the newly-formed Polish Republic in  
10       April 1919.

1           (2) The United States and Poland have enjoyed  
2 close bilateral relations since 1989.

3           (3) Poland became a member of the North At-  
4 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in March 1999.

5           (4) Poland became a member of the European  
6 Union (EU) in May 2004.

7           (5) Poland has been a strong supporter, both  
8 diplomatically and militarily, of efforts led by the  
9 United States to combat global terrorism and has  
10 contributed troops to the United States-led coalitions  
11 in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

12           (6) Poland cooperates closely with the United  
13 States on such issues as democratization, nuclear  
14 proliferation, human rights, regional cooperation in  
15 Eastern Europe, and reform of the United Nations.

16           (7) The United States and Poland seek to en-  
17 sure enduring ties between both governments and  
18 societies.

19           (8) It is important to invest in the youth of the  
20 United States and Poland in order to help ensure  
21 long-lasting ties between both societies.

22           (9) It is in the interest of the United States to  
23 preserve a United States presence in Europe and to  
24 continue to contribute to the development of trans-  
25 atlantic relationships.

1 (10) Poland for many years received inter-  
2 national and United States financial assistance and  
3 is now determined to invest its own resources toward  
4 attaining its shared desire with the United States to  
5 develop international cooperation.

6 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES-POLAND PARLIAMENTARY YOUTH**  
7 **EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The President, acting through the  
9 Secretary of State and in cooperation with the Govern-  
10 ment of Poland, may establish and carry out a parliamen-  
11 tary exchange program for youth of the United States and  
12 Poland.

13 (b) **DESIGNATION.**—The youth exchange program  
14 carried out under this subsection shall be known as the  
15 “United States-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange  
16 Program”.

17 (c) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the youth exchange  
18 program is to demonstrate to the youth of the United  
19 States and Poland the benefits of friendly cooperation be-  
20 tween the United States and Poland based on common po-  
21 litical and cultural values.

22 (d) **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.**—An individual is eligi-  
23 ble for participation in the youth exchange program if the  
24 individual—

1           (1) is a citizen or national of the United States  
2 or of Poland;

3           (2) is under the age of 19 years;

4           (3) is a student who is enrolled and in good  
5 standing at a secondary school in the United States  
6 or Poland;

7           (4) has been accepted for up to one academic  
8 year of study in a program of study abroad approved  
9 for credit at such school; and

10          (5) meets any other qualifications that the  
11 President may establish for purposes of the pro-  
12 gram.

13          (e) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Under the youth ex-  
14 change program, eligible participants selected for partici-  
15 pation in the program shall—

16           (1) live in and attend a public secondary school  
17 in the host country for a period of one academic  
18 year;

19           (2) while attending public school in the host  
20 country, undertake academic studies in the host  
21 country, with particular emphasis on the history,  
22 constitution, and political development of the host  
23 country;

1           (3) be eligible, either during or after the com-  
2           pletion of such academic studies, for an internship  
3           in an appropriate position in the host country; and

4           (4) engage in such other activities as the Presi-  
5           dent considers appropriate to achieve the purpose of  
6           the program.

7           (f) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITIES.—The  
8           President may utilize the authorities and procedures set  
9           out in title VIII of the United States Information and  
10          Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (22 U.S.C. 1471 et  
11          seq.) to establish and carry out the youth exchange pro-  
12          gram.

13          **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

14          The Secretary of State shall submit to Congress an  
15          annual report on the United States-Poland Parliamentary  
16          Youth Exchange Program established under this Act.  
17          Each annual report shall include—

18                 (1) information on the implementation of the  
19                 Program during the preceding year;

20                 (2) the number of participants in the Program  
21                 during such year;

22                 (3) the names and locations of the secondary  
23                 schools in the United States and Poland attended by  
24                 such participants;

1           (4) a description of the areas of study of such  
2 participants during their participation in the Pro-  
3 gram;

4           (5) a description of any internships taken by  
5 such participants during their participation in the  
6 Program; and

7           (6) a description of any other activities such  
8 participants carried out during their participation in  
9 the Program.

10 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
12 priated for the Department of State for fiscal year 2007  
13 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the youth  
14 exchange program authorized by this Act.

15       (b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be appro-  
16 priated by subsection (a) shall remain available until ex-  
17 pended.

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