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H. R. 4187

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen and preserve families, enhance foster care, and develop qualified child welfare personnel to provide parent education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 1994

Miss COLLINS of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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. GRANTS TO TRAIN INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED**

4 **WITH THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN.**

5 Section 426 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 626) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall make grants to public
8 and private nonprofit organizations to train individuals in

1 child development (including the health and nutrition of
2 children), parenting skills (including coping with stress,
3 strengthened parent-child relationships, involvement in the
4 education of children, avoidance of family crises, and reso-
5 lution of family conflicts), and in accessing services de-
6 signed for families.

7 “(2) Applications for grants under this subsection
8 shall contain such information as the Secretary may re-
9 quire.

10 “(3) Each person paid funds under this subsection
11 shall use such funds in accordance with such requirements
12 as the Secretary may prescribe.

13 “(4) For grants under this subsection, there are au-
14 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary not more than
15 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995, 1996, and
16 1997.”.

17 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

18 Section 426 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
19 626) is amended by adding after the subsection added by
20 section 1 of this Act the following:

21 “(e)(1) The Secretary shall authorize public and pri-
22 vate nonprofit organizations to conduct demonstration
23 projects to develop, implement, and evaluate innovative
24 strategies for—

25 “(A) training, recruiting, and retaining—

1 “(i) personnel to work with families
2 whose children are at risk of being placed
3 in out-of-home care; and

4 “(ii) foster parents; and

5 “(B) training and support for families whose
6 children are at risk of being placed in out-of-home
7 care.

8 “(2) Applications to conduct demonstration projects
9 under this subsection shall contain such information as
10 the Secretary may require.

11 “(3) In determining the approval of applications to
12 conduct demonstration projects under this subsection, the
13 Secretary shall give priority to—

14 “(A) applications that describe projects that
15 would demonstrate how to train, recruit, or retain
16 child welfare personnel in urban, distressed commu-
17 nities; and

18 “(B) applications that describe projects that are
19 designed to expand the capacity of socially disadvan-
20 tagged individuals (as defined in section 8(a)(5) of
21 the Small Business Act) to provide services in their
22 own communities.

23 “(4) Each person paid funds under this subsection
24 shall use such funds in accordance with such requirements
25 as the Secretary may prescribe.

1 “(5) For grants under this subsection, there are au-
2 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary not more than
3 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995, 1996, and
4 1997.”.

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