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110TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2007

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

APRIL 29, 2008

Reported by Mr. KENNEDY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Start Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO HEALTHY START INITIATIVE.**

2 (a) ~~CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.~~—Section
3 330H(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
4 254c–8(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(b) ~~REQUIREMENTS~~” and all
6 that follows through “In making grants under sub-
7 section (a)” and inserting the following:

8 “~~(b) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.~~—

9 “~~(1) REQUIREMENTS.~~—In making grants under
10 subsection (a)”;

11 (2) by adding at the end the following para-
12 graph:

13 “~~(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.~~—In making
14 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall take
15 into consideration the following:

16 “(A) Factors that contribute to infant
17 mortality, such as low birthweight.

18 “(B) The extent to which applicants for
19 such grants facilitate—

20 “(i) a community-based approach to
21 the delivery of services; and

22 “(ii) a comprehensive approach to
23 women’s health care to improve perinatal
24 outcomes.

25 “~~(3) SPECIAL PROJECTS.~~—Nothing in para-
26 graph (2) shall be construed to prohibit the Sec-

1 retary from awarding grants under subsection (a)
 2 for special projects that are intended to address sig-
 3 nificant disparities in perinatal health indicators in
 4 communities along the United States-Mexico border
 5 or in Alaska and Hawaii.”.

6 (b) OTHER GRANTS.—Section 330H of the Public
 7 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–8) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);
 9 and

10 (2) by striking subsections (e) and (f).

11 (c) FUNDING.—Section 330H of the Public Health
 12 Service Act, as amended by subsection (b) of this section,
 13 is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

14 “(e) FUNDING.—

15 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
 17 are authorized to be appropriated—

18 “(A) \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

19 and

20 “(B) for each of fiscal years 2009 through
 21 2013, the amount authorized for the preceding
 22 fiscal year increased by the percentage increase
 23 in the Consumer Price Index for all urban con-
 24 sumers for such year.

25 “(2) ALLOCATION.—

1 “(A) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—Of the
 2 amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for
 3 a fiscal year, the Secretary may reserve up to
 4 5 percent for coordination, dissemination, tech-
 5 nical assistance, and data activities that are de-
 6 termined by the Secretary to be appropriate for
 7 carrying out the program under this section.

8 “(B) EVALUATION.—Of the amounts ap-
 9 propriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
 10 year, the Secretary may reserve up to 1 percent
 11 for evaluations of projects carried out under
 12 subsection (a). Each such evaluation shall in-
 13 clude a determination of whether such projects
 14 have been effective in reducing the disparity in
 15 health status between the general population
 16 and individuals who are members of racial or
 17 ethnic minority groups.”.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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 20 *ization Act of 2007”.*

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“(ii) a comprehensive approach to women’s health care to improve perinatal outcomes.

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 24 *a fiscal year, the Secretary may reserve up to 5*
 25 *percent for coordination, dissemination, tech-*

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3 *carrying out the program under this section.*

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