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# S. 1318

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and  
Human Resources

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## A BILL

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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 “Adoption Awareness  
5       Program Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ADOPTION AWARENESS PROGRAM.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
8       Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-  
9       retary”) shall establish an adoption awareness program.  
10      The Secretary shall make grants through the program to

1 eligible private entities to pay for the Federal share of the  
2 cost of developing and distributing materials promoting  
3 adoption.

4 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a  
6 grant under subsection (a) shall use funds made  
7 available through the grant to develop and carry out  
8 an adoption public promotion campaign, including—

9 (A) developing and placing public service  
10 announcements regarding adoption on tele-  
11 vision, radio, and billboards; and

12 (B) developing and distributing brochures  
13 regarding adoption through federally funded  
14 family planning clinics in the United States, in-  
15 cluding coordinating the distribution of the bro-  
16 chures with the distribution of educational ma-  
17 terials under title X of the Public Health Serv-  
18 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300 et seq.).

19 (2) LIMITATION.—The entity may not place a  
20 public service announcement, as described in para-  
21 graph (1)(A), or distribute a brochure, as described  
22 in paragraph (1)(B), until the Secretary has re-  
23 viewed the announcement or brochure, reviewed the  
24 recommendation described in section 3(d) regarding

1 the announcement or brochure, and approved the  
2 announcement or brochure.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
4 under subsection (a), an entity shall submit an application  
5 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and includ-  
6 ing such information as the Secretary may require.

7 (d) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall make grants  
8 under subsection (a) to recipients selected from among ap-  
9 plicants receiving favorable recommendations from the  
10 Adoption Advisory Committee under section 3(d)(1)(B).

11 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
13 cost described in subsection (a) shall be 50 percent.

14 (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal  
15 share of the cost may be contributed in cash or in  
16 kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or  
17 services.

18 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a com-  
20 mission to be known as the Adoption Awareness Commis-  
21 sion (referred to in this Act as the “Commission”).

22 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be com-  
23 posed of 7 members, of whom—

24 (1) 1 shall be appointed by the President;

1           (2)(A) 2 shall be appointed by the President,  
2           from among not fewer than 6 persons nominated by  
3           the majority leader of the Senate; and

4           (B) 1 shall be appointed by the President, from  
5           among not fewer than 4 persons nominated by the  
6           minority leader of the Senate; and

7           (3)(A) 2 shall be appointed by the President,  
8           from among not fewer than 6 persons nominated by  
9           the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

10          (B) 1 shall be appointed by the President, from  
11          among not fewer than 4 persons nominated by the  
12          minority leader of the House of Representatives.

13          (c) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—Mem-  
14          bers shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any  
15          vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but  
16          shall be filled in the same manner as the original appoint-  
17          ment.

18          (d) DUTIES.—The Commission shall—

19               (1)(A) review the applications submitted under  
20               section 2; and

21               (B) by majority vote, make recommendations to  
22               the Secretary regarding which applicants should re-  
23               ceive grants made under section 2; and

1           (2)(A) review the public service announcements  
2           and brochures developed by the recipients of the  
3           grants made under section 2; and

4           (B) by majority vote, make recommendations to  
5           the Secretary regarding approval of the announce-  
6           ments and brochures.

7           (e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at least  
8   4 times in each fiscal year.

9           (f) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each member of  
10   the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the  
11   Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal  
12   to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay pre-  
13   scribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under sec-  
14   tion 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (in-  
15   cluding travel time) during which such member is engaged  
16   in the performance of the duties of the Commission. All  
17   members of the Commission who are officers or employees  
18   of the United States shall serve without compensation in  
19   addition to that received for their services as officers or  
20   employees of the United States.

21          (g) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Com-  
22   mission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per  
23   diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employ-  
24   ees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title  
25   5, United States Code, while away from their homes or

1 regular places of business in the performance of services  
2 for the Commission.

3 (h) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any  
4 Federal Government employee may be detailed to the  
5 Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall  
6 be without interruption or loss of civil service status or  
7 privilege.

8 (i) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-  
9 TENT SERVICES.—The Chairman of the Commission may  
10 procure temporary and intermittent services under section  
11 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individ-  
12 uals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual  
13 rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive  
14 Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

15 (j) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
16 on September 30, 2002.

17 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
19 this Act \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998 through  
20 2002.

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