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To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make grants to States to correct Y2K problems in computers that are used to administer State and local government programs.

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Mr. UNDERWOOD (for himself, Mrs. CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 “Y2K State and Local
5 Government Assistance Programs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made available to
8 carry out this Act, the Secretary of Commerce may make

1 grants under this Act only to States for carrying out ac-
2 tivities described in section 3.

3 (b) TIME LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not make
4 a grant under this Act after the expiration of the 2-year
5 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (c) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Of grants made
7 under this Act during the period described in subsection
8 (b), the Secretary may not make more than—

9 (1) 2 grants to any single State; and

10 (2) 75 grants overall.

11 **SEC. 3. USE OF AMOUNTS.**

12 (a) Y2K COMPLIANCE PROJECT.—Amounts received
13 under a grant under this Act may be used only to carry
14 out a project that meets the following requirements:

15 (1) The project makes Y2K compliant the infor-
16 mation technology used by a State or local govern-
17 ment agency to administer one or more Federal,
18 State, or local government programs.

19 (2) The project uses amounts received under
20 the grant to supplement and not to supplant the
21 level of State and local funds that, in the absence of
22 such amounts, would have been expended on efforts
23 to achieve Y2K compliance.

24 (3) The project meets such other requirements
25 as the Secretary may prescribe.

1 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to this subsection,
3 each recipient shall, as a condition of receiving grant
4 amounts under this Act, supplement the grant
5 amounts received under this Act with an amount of
6 funds from sources other than this Act that is not
7 less than 50 percent of the grant amount received
8 under this Act.

9 (2) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS.—In calculating the
10 amount of supplemental funds under paragraph (1),
11 a recipient may include the value of any donated
12 material or building, the value of any lease on a
13 building, and any salary paid to staff to carry out
14 the Y2K compliance project.

15 (3) WAIVER FOR HARDSHIP.—The Secretary
16 may waive or modify the matching requirement de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1) in the case of any State
18 that the Secretary determines would suffer undue
19 hardship as a result of being subject to the require-
20 ment.

21 **SEC. 4. SELECTION CRITERIA.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
23 under this Act in accordance with competitive criteria es-
24 tablished by the Secretary, which shall include the need

1 for and the feasibility of the proposed Y2K compliance
2 project.

3 (b) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give priority to
4 proposed projects that relate to making Y2K compliant
5 the information technology used to administer Federal
6 welfare programs.

7 **SEC. 5. APPLICATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a grant
9 under this Act only with respect to an application by a
10 State for a grant under this Act that meets the following
11 requirements:

12 (1) The application is submitted through the
13 executive office of the State.

14 (2) The application is submitted to the Sec-
15 retary within 45 days after the enactment of this
16 Act.

17 (3) The application contains a description of
18 the proposed project, including a proposed budget
19 and a request for a specific funding amount.

20 (4) The application describes the manner in
21 which the State proposes to satisfy the matching re-
22 quirement described in section 3(b) or describes the
23 circumstances justifying a determination that the
24 State would suffer undue hardship as a result of
25 being subject to the requirement.

1 (5) The application contains such other infor-
2 mation, assurances, and certifications as the Sec-
3 retary may require.

4 **SEC. 6. REPORTS.**

5 (a) BY GRANT RECIPIENTS.—Each recipient of grant
6 amounts under this Act shall submit to the Secretary each
7 year a report that—

8 (1) describes the status and results of the Y2K
9 compliance project for which the grant was made;

10 (2) includes an independent evaluation of the
11 project; and

12 (3) contains such other information as the Sec-
13 retary may require.

14 (b) BY SECRETARY.—Not later than 90 days after
15 the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
17 to Congress a final report describing and evaluating the
18 activities carried out under this Act.

19 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

20 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
21 shall apply:

22 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of Commerce.

24 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means any
25 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,

1 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United
2 States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
4 and any other territory or possession of the United
5 States.

6 (3) WELFARE PROGRAM.—The term “welfare
7 program” means one or more of the following pro-
8 grams:

9 (A) TANF.—A State program funded
10 under part A of title IV of the Social Security
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

12 (B) MEDICAID.—The program of medical
13 assistance under title XIX of the Social Secu-
14 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

15 (C) FOOD STAMPS.—The food stamp pro-
16 gram, as defined in section 3(h) of the Food
17 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(h)).

18 (D) WIC.—The program of assistance
19 under the special supplemental nutrition pro-
20 gram for women, infants and children (WIC)
21 under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of
22 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

23 (E) CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.—The
24 child support and paternity establishment pro-

1 gram established under part D of title IV of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.).

3 (F) CHILD WELFARE.—A child welfare
4 program or a program designed to promote safe
5 and stable families established under subpart 1
6 or 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.).

8 (G) CHILD CARE.—The Child Care and
9 Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42
10 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.) (including funding pro-
11 vided under section 418 of the Social Security
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 618)).

13 (4) Y2K COMPLIANT.—The term “Y2K compli-
14 ant” means, with respect to information technology,
15 that the information technology accurately processes
16 (including calculating, comparing, and sequencing)
17 date and time data from, into, and between the 20th
18 and 21st centuries and the years 1999 and 2000,
19 and leap year calculations, to the extent that other
20 information technology properly exchanges date and
21 time data with it.

22 **SEC. 8. REGULATIONS.**

23 The Secretary shall issue any regulations necessary
24 to carry out this Act.

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act, \$40,000,000 for fiscal years 1999 to 2001 fund-
4 ed from the Y2K Emergency Supplemental Funds appro-
5 priated in the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Sup-
6 plemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105–
7 277; 112 Stat. 2681).

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