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# H. R. 1636

To provide for a reduction in the rate of adolescent pregnancy through the evaluation of public and private prevention programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. CASTLE, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. KOLBE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PORTER, Mrs. THURMAN, Mrs. ROUKEMA, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## 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 “Teenage Pregnancy  
5       Reduction Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS FOR PRE-**  
2 **VENTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
4 Human Services shall (directly or through grants or con-  
5 tracts awarded to public or nonprofit private entities) ar-  
6 range for the evaluation of a wide variety of existing pro-  
7 grams designed in whole or part to prevent pregnancy in  
8 adolescents, including programs that do not receive grants  
9 from the Federal Government for the operation of the pro-  
10 grams. The purpose of the evaluation shall be the deter-  
11 mination of—

12 (1) the effectiveness of such programs in reduc-  
13 ing adolescent pregnancy;

14 (2) the factors contributing to the effectiveness  
15 of the programs; and

16 (3) the feasibility of replicating the programs in  
17 other locations.

18 (b) PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES AND  
19 PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.—In carrying out the evalua-  
20 tion under subsection (a), the Secretary shall as  
21 appropriate—

22 (1) provide for the participation of the Director  
23 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
24 the Director of the Office of Population Affairs, the  
25 Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, and

1 the Director of the National Institute of Child  
2 Health and Human Development; and

3 (2) provide for the participation of organiza-  
4 tions with demonstrated expertise in conducting  
5 evaluations of adolescent pregnancy prevention pro-  
6 grams, including the National Campaign to Prevent  
7 Teen Pregnancy, a nonpartisan organization.

8 (c) DESIGN OF EVALUATION.—Subject to subsection  
9 (d), the Secretary shall select a design for the evaluation  
10 under subsection (a) from among proposals that—

11 (1) provide for the evaluation of programs in  
12 various geographic regions;

13 (2) with respect to the populations served by  
14 the programs, provide for determining factors that  
15 are specific to various socioeconomic, racial, ethnic,  
16 and age groups, and factors that are specific to gen-  
17 der; and

18 (3) meet such other criteria as the Secretary  
19 may establish.

20 (d) MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The Secretary  
21 shall define the measures of effectiveness used in evalu-  
22 ating the programs designed to reduce the rate of adoles-  
23 cent pregnancy, and shall include a variety of measures  
24 of effectiveness in the definition.

1       (e) SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW.—The Secretary may  
2 provide funds for an evaluation pursuant to subsection (a)  
3 only if the evaluation has been recommended for approval  
4 pursuant to a process of scientific peer review utilizing one  
5 or more panels of experts. Such panels shall include ex-  
6 perts from public entities and from private entities.

7       (f) SUBMISSION OF REPORT TO CONGRESS AND SEC-  
8 RETARY.—Not later than December 1, 2004, the evalua-  
9 tion under subsection (a) shall be completed and a report  
10 shall be submitted to the Congress that describes the find-  
11 ings made in the evaluation and provides recommenda-  
12 tions for future programs designed to reduce the rate of  
13 adolescent pregnancy.

14       (g) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—After the  
15 submission of the report under subsection (f), the Sec-  
16 retary shall disseminate the findings and recommenda-  
17 tions presented in the report. The categories of individuals  
18 to whom the information is disseminated shall include ad-  
19 ministrators of prevention programs, public and private  
20 entities providing financial support to such programs, or-  
21 ganizations working on such programs, professional med-  
22 ical associations, entities providing public health services,  
23 entities providing social work services, and school adminis-  
24 trators.

1 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
3 to be appropriated \$3,500,000 for each of the fiscal years  
4 2000 through 2002, and such sums as may be necessary  
5 for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2005.

6 **SEC. 3. ONE-TIME INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR EFFECTIVE**  
7 **PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a prevention pro-  
9 gram that pursuant to the evaluation under section 2 has  
10 been found to be effective, the Secretary may under this  
11 section make not more than one grant to the entity that  
12 operates the program. The purpose of the grant shall be  
13 to assist the entity with the expenses of operating the pro-  
14 gram.

15 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For car-  
16 rying out subsection (a), there is authorized to be appro-  
17 priated \$10,000,000, in the aggregate, for the fiscal years  
18 2004 through 2006. Such authorization is in addition to  
19 any other authorization of appropriations that is available  
20 for making grants for the operational expenses of preven-  
21 tion programs.

22 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

23 (a) PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—

24 (1) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The provisions  
25 of this Act apply with respect to a prevention pro-

1       gram without regard to which of the various pro-  
2       grammatic approaches for the prevention of preg-  
3       nancy in adolescents (as defined in paragraph (2))  
4       is the focus of the program.

5           (2) PROGRAMMATIC APPROACHES.—For pur-  
6       poses of this Act, the term “programmatic ap-  
7       proaches”, with respect to prevention programs, in-  
8       cludes advocating abstinence from sexual activity;  
9       providing family planning services (including contra-  
10      ception); fostering academic achievement; mentoring  
11      by adults; providing employment assistance or job  
12      training; providing professional counseling or peer  
13      counseling; providing for recreational or social  
14      events; and any combination thereof.

15      (b) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act:

16           (1) The term “prevention program” means a  
17      program for the prevention of pregnancy in adoles-  
18      cents.

19           (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
20      of Health and Human Services.

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