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H. R. 2739

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HILLIARD, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. STARK, and Mr. COYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 Initia-
5 tive Continuation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF HEALTHY START PROGRAM.**

2 Title V of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701
3 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
4 section:

5 “HEALTHY START FOR INFANTS

6 “SEC. 511. (a) IN GENERAL.—

7 “(1) CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF PRO-
8 GRAM.—The Secretary, acting through the Adminis-
9 trator of the Health Resources and Services Admin-
10 istration, shall under authority of this section con-
11 tinue in effect the Healthy Start Initiative and may,
12 during fiscal year 2000 and subsequent years, carry
13 out such program on a national basis.

14 “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of paragraph
15 (1), the term ‘Healthy Start Initiative’ is a reference
16 to the program that, as an initiative to reduce the
17 rate of infant mortality and improve perinatal out-
18 comes, makes grants for project areas with high an-
19 nual rates of infant mortality and that, prior to the
20 effective date of this section, was a demonstration
21 program carried out under section 301 of the Public
22 Health Service Act.

23 “(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSORTIA IN MAKING
24 GRANTS.—In making grants under subsection (a), the
25 Secretary shall require that applicants (in addition to
26 meeting all eligibility criteria established by the Secretary)

1 establish, for project areas under such subsection, commu-
2 nity-based consortia of individuals (including consumers of
3 project services) and organizations (including public
4 health departments, hospitals, health centers under sec-
5 tion 330 of the Public Health Service Act, or other signifi-
6 cant sources of health care services) that are appropriate
7 for participation in projects under subsection (a).

8 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except to the extent
9 inconsistent with subsection (b), this section may not be
10 construed as affecting the authority of the Secretary to
11 make modifications in the program carried out under sub-
12 section (a).

13 “(d) FEDERAL RESERVES.—

14 “(1) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-
15 retary may reserve up to 5 percent of amounts ap-
16 propriated annually under this section for coordina-
17 tion, dissemination, technical assistance, and data
18 activities under paragraphs (2) through (5) of sec-
19 tion 509(a) that are determined by the Secretary to
20 be appropriate for carrying out the program under
21 this section.

22 “(2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary may reserve
23 up to 1 percent of amounts appropriated annually
24 under this section for evaluation of projects carried
25 out under subsection (a).

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
3 to be appropriated \$115,000,000 for fiscal year 2000,
4 \$155,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$250,000,000 for fis-
5 cal year 2002, and \$300,000,000 for each of the fiscal
6 years 2003 through 2005.”.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 This Act takes effect October 1, 1999, or upon the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, whichever occurs later.

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