

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1245

To allow access for researchers to the Continuous Work History Sample
data of the Social Security Administration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 1999

Mr. GRAMS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To allow access for researchers to the Continuous Work
History Sample data of the Social Security Administration.

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. ACCESS TO THE CONTINUOUS WORK HISTORY**

4 **SAMPLE DATA OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY AD-**

5 **MINISTRATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, the Social Security Administration shall make
8 available to the public the Continuous Work History Sam-
9 ple (referred to as the “CWHIS”) data administered by

1 such Administration subject to the restrictions provided
 2 for in subsection (b).

3 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASE OF THE CWHHS
 4 DATA OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.—

5 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (A) CONTINUOUS WORK HISTORY SAM-
 7 PLE.—The term “Continuous Work History
 8 Sample” means the statistical sample of indi-
 9 vidual administrative records held by the Social
 10 Security Administration.

11 (B) USER.—The term “user” means any
 12 individual or legal entity, including employees of
 13 the Federal Government, who receives access to
 14 the Continuous Work History Sample.

15 (2) LIMITATIONS.—The Office of Research and
 16 Statistics of the Social Security Administration shall
 17 make statistical samples of individual records from
 18 the CWHHS available to a user if the user—

19 (A) will make use of the data from the
 20 CWHHS solely for the purpose of conducting sta-
 21 tistical research activities;

22 (B) agrees in writing to such conditions as
 23 may be reasonably determined by the Commis-
 24 sioner of the Social Security Administration to
 25 be necessary to ensure that data from the

1 CWHS is not made available in identifiable
2 form; and

3 (C) fully reimburses the Office of Research
4 and Statistics for the cost of supplying the
5 data.

6 (3) NO IDENTIFIERS.—The Office of Research
7 and Statistics of the Social Security Administration
8 shall remove all identifiers which can link CWHS
9 records to the identity of an individual respondent
10 prior to the release of the data to protect privacy.

○