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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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”.

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

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services shall (directly or through grants or con-

1 tracts awarded to public or nonprofit private entities) ar-
 2 range for the evaluation of a wide variety of existing pro-
 3 grams designed in whole or part to prevent pregnancy in
 4 adolescents, including programs that do not receive grants
 5 from the Federal Government for the operation of the pro-
 6 grams. The purpose of the evaluation shall be the deter-
 7 mination of—

8 (1) the effectiveness of such programs in reduc-
 9 ing adolescent pregnancy;

10 (2) the factors contributing to the effectiveness
 11 of the programs; and

12 (3) the feasibility of replicating the programs in
 13 other locations.

14 (b) PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES AND
 15 PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.—In carrying out the evalua-
 16 tion under subsection (a), the Secretary shall as
 17 appropriate—

18 (1) provide for the participation of the Director
 19 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
 20 the Director of the Office of Population Affairs, the
 21 Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, and
 22 the Director of the National Institute of Child
 23 Health and Human Development; and

24 (2) provide for the participation of organiza-
 25 tions with demonstrated expertise in conducting

1 evaluations of adolescent pregnancy prevention pro-
2 grams, including the National Campaign to Prevent
3 Teen Pregnancy, a nonpartisan organization.

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

7 (1) provide for the evaluation of programs in
8 various geographic regions;

9 (2) with respect to the populations served by
10 the programs, provide for determining factors that
11 are specific to various socioeconomic, racial, ethnic,
12 and age groups, and factors that are specific to gen-
13 der; and

14 (3) meet such other criteria as the Secretary
15 may establish.

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

21 (e) SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW.—The Secretary may
22 provide funds for an evaluation pursuant to subsection (a)
23 only if the evaluation has been recommended for approval
24 pursuant to a process of scientific peer review utilizing one

1 or more panels of experts. Such panels shall include ex-
2 perts from public entities and from private entities.

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

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

21 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-
22 poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to
23 be appropriated \$3,500,000 for each of the fiscal years
24 2000 through 2002, and such sums as may be necessary
25 for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2005.

1 **SEC. 3. ONE-TIME INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR EFFECTIVE**
 2 **PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

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

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-
 11 poses of carrying out subsection (a), there is authorized
 12 to be appropriated \$10,000,000, in the aggregate, for the
 13 fiscal years 2004 through 2006. Such authorization is in
 14 addition to any other authorization of appropriations that
 15 is available for making grants for the operational expenses
 16 of prevention programs.

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

18 (a) PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—

19 (1) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The provisions
 20 of this Act apply with respect to a prevention pro-
 21 gram without regard to which of the various pro-
 22 grammatic approaches for the prevention of preg-
 23 nancy in adolescents (as defined in paragraph (2))
 24 is the focus of the program.

25 (2) PROGRAMMATIC APPROACHES.—In this Act,
 26 the term “programmatic approaches”, with respect

1 to prevention programs, includes advocating absti-
2 nence from sexual activity; providing family planning
3 services (including contraception); fostering aca-
4 demic achievement; mentoring by adults; providing
5 employment assistance or job training; providing
6 professional counseling or peer counseling; providing
7 for recreational or social events; and any combina-
8 tion thereof.

9 (b) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10 (1) PREVENTION PROGRAM.—The term “pre-
11 vention program” means a program for the preven-
12 tion of pregnancy in adolescents.

13 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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