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S. 1570

To amend the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to promote identification of children eligible for benefits under, and enrollment of children in, the medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 "SCHIP Improvement
5 Act of 1999".

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITED WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIRE-**
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 9(b)(2)(C)(iii) of the National School Lunch
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(2)(C)(iii)) is amended—

5 (1) in subclause (II), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in subclause (III), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(IV) a person directly connected with the ad-
11 ministration of a State plan under title XIX of the
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or a
13 State child health plan under title XXI of that Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) for the purpose of identi-
15 fying children eligible for benefits under, and enroll-
16 ing children in, any such plan, except that this sub-
17 clause shall apply with respect to the agency from
18 which the information would be obtained only if the
19 State and the agency so elect.”.

20 **SEC. 3. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 17 of the Child Nutrition
22 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) is amended by adding at
23 the end the following:

24 “(q) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT RELATING TO USE
25 OF WIC FUNDS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND ENROLLMENT
26 OF CHILDREN IN CERTAIN HEALTH PROGRAMS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
 2 lish a demonstration project in not more than 40
 3 local agencies in not fewer than 2 States under
 4 which costs of nutrition services and administration
 5 (as defined in subsection (b)(4)) shall include the
 6 costs of identification of children eligible for benefits
 7 under, and enrollment of children in—

8 “(A) a State plan under title XIX of the
 9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.);
 10 and

11 “(B) a State child health plan under title
 12 XXI of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.).

13 “(2) REPORT ON EVALUATION OF COSTS.—Not
 14 later than 18 months after the date of enactment of
 15 this subsection, the Comptroller General of the
 16 United States shall submit to Congress a report
 17 evaluating the costs associated with implementation
 18 of the demonstration project, including an evaluation
 19 of the Federal and State costs per child enrolled in
 20 a State plan described in paragraph (1).

21 “(3) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The au-
 22 thority provided by this subsection terminates Sep-
 23 tember 30, 2003.”.

24 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 17 of the
 25 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786)—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “(4)” and
 2 all that follows through “means” and inserting “(4)
 3 ‘Costs of nutrition services and administration’ or
 4 ‘nutrition services and administration’ means”; and
 5 (2) in subsection (h)(1)(A), by striking “costs
 6 incurred by State and local agencies for nutrition
 7 services and administration” and inserting “costs of
 8 nutrition services and administration incurred by
 9 State and local agencies”.

10 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND ENROLLMENT**
 11 **EFFORTS.**

12 Section 12 of the National School Lunch Act (42
 13 U.S.C. 1760) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 14 lowing:

15 “(p) GRANTS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND ENROLL-
 16 MENT EFFORTS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make
 18 grants to States to carry out State plans to involve
 19 eligible entities described in paragraph (2) in the
 20 identification of children eligible for benefits under,
 21 and enrollment of children in—

22 “(A) a State plan under title XIX of the
 23 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.);
 24 and

1 “(B) a State child health plan under title
2 XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1397aa et seq.).

4 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An eligible entity
5 referred to in paragraph (1) is—

6 “(A) a school or school food authority par-
7 ticipating in the school lunch program under
8 this Act;

9 “(B) an institution participating in the
10 child and adult care food program under section
11 17;

12 “(C) a local agency participating in the
13 special supplemental nutrition program for
14 women, infants, and children under section 17
15 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
16 1786); or

17 “(D) any other nongovernmental social
18 service provider.

19 “(3) USE OF FUNDS FOR WIC DEMONSTRATION
20 PROJECT.—The authorized uses of grant funds
21 under this subsection shall include carrying out the
22 demonstration project under section 17(q) of the
23 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(q)).

24 “(4) FUNDING.—Out of any moneys in the
25 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary

1 of the Treasury shall provide to the Secretary to
2 carry out this subsection \$6,000,000 for each of fis-
3 cal years 2000 through 2003. The Secretary shall be
4 entitled to receive the funds and shall accept the
5 funds, without further Act of appropriation.”.

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