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To establish a grant program to enable States to establish and maintain pilot drug testing and drug treatment programs for welfare recipients engaging in illegal drug use, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Drug Testing and
5 Treatment for Welfare Recipients Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to create a grant program
8 that assists States in establishing and maintaining pilot

1 drug testing and drug treatment programs for welfare re-
2 cipients who have a commitment to overcoming their sub-
3 stance abuse problems and are in acute need of over-
4 coming such problems.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) DRUG.—The term “drug” means a drug
8 within the meaning of subpart II of part B of title
9 XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
10 300x–21 et seq.).

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

13 (3) WELFARE AGENCY.—The term “welfare
14 agency” means a State agency carrying out a pro-
15 gram described in paragraph (4).

16 (4) WELFARE RECIPIENT.—The term “welfare
17 recipient” means an individual in a State who is re-
18 ceiving assistance under the State temporary assist-
19 ance for needy families program established under
20 part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

22 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

23 The Secretary may award grants to States to estab-
24 lish and maintain pilot drug testing programs and drug

1 treatment programs for welfare recipients in each State
2 that receives a grant.

3 **SEC. 5. APPLICATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant
5 under this Act, a State shall submit an application to the
6 Secretary.

7 (b) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted pursu-
8 ant to subsection (a) shall—

9 (1) describe a program to provide drug testing
10 for welfare recipients in the State; and

11 (2) describe a drug treatment program for wel-
12 fare recipients in the State that provides treatment
13 if such a recipient receives a positive result on a test
14 described in paragraph (1).

15 **SEC. 6. CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants
17 to eligible States under section 4 on a competitive basis
18 in accordance with the criteria set out in subsection (b).

19 (b) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall award grants to
20 eligible States based on the following criteria:

21 (1) The need and ability of a State to address
22 drug use by welfare recipients.

23 (2) The ability of the State to continue the
24 State programs established under this Act after the

1 grant program established under this Act is con-
2 cluded.

3 **SEC. 7. AWARDS.**

4 (a) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The Secretary shall award
5 a grant under this Act in the amount of \$1,500,000 per
6 year.

7 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall award a grant
8 under this Act for a period of 3 years.

9 (c) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Sec-
10 retary shall award grants under this Act to not more than
11 5 States.

12 **SEC. 8. USE OF FUNDS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a grant
14 under this Act shall use the funds made available through
15 the grant to establish and maintain the programs de-
16 scribed in the application submitted by the State under
17 section 5.

18 (b) DISTRIBUTION BY STATES.—Each State receiv-
19 ing a grant under this Act shall distribute grant funds
20 only to entities that are receiving assistance under subpart
21 II of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.).

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

3 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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