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H. R. 3581

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award on a competitive basis grants to public and private entities to establish or expand teenage pregnancy prevention programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2001

Ms. HARMAN (for herself and Ms. PELOSI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Preventing Teen Preg-
5 nancy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION.**

7 The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et
8 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may award on a
5 competitive basis grants to public and private entities to
6 establish or expand teenage pregnancy prevention pro-
7 grams.

13 “(c) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant recipients under
14 this section, the Secretary shall give—

18 “(A) teenage pregnancy or birth rates are
19 higher than the corresponding State average; or

22 “(2) priority to applicants seeking assistance
23 for programs that—

1 “(A) will benefit underserved or at-risk
2 populations such as young males or immigrant
3 youths; or

4 “(B) will take advantage of other available
5 resources and be coordinated with other pro-
6 grams that serve youth, such as workforce de-
7 velopment and afterschool programs.

8 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds received by an entity
9 as a grant under this section shall be used for programs
10 that—

11 “(1) replicate or substantially incorporate the
12 elements of one or more teenage pregnancy preven-
13 tion programs that have been proven (on the basis
14 of rigorous scientific research) to delay sexual inter-
15 course or sexual activity, increase condom or contra-
16 ceptive use (without increasing sexual activity), or
17 reduce teenage pregnancy; and

18 “(2) incorporate one or more of the following
19 strategies for preventing teenage pregnancy: encour-
20 aging teenagers to delay sexual activity; sex and
21 HIV education; interventions for sexually active
22 teenagers; preventive health services; youth develop-
23 ment programs; service learning programs; and out-
24 reach or media programs.

1 “(e) APPLICATIONS.—Each entity seeking a grant
2 under this section shall submit an application to the Sec-
3 retary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary
4 may require.

5 “(f) MATCHING FUNDS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not
7 award a grant to an applicant for a program under
8 this section unless the applicant demonstrates that
9 it will pay, from funds derived from non-Federal
10 sources, at least 25 percent of the cost of the pro-
11 gram.

12 “(2) APPLICANT’S SHARE.—The applicant’s
13 share of the cost of a program shall be provided in
14 cash or in kind.

15 “(g) SUPPLEMENTATION OF FUNDS.—An entity that
16 receives funds as a grant under this section shall use the
17 funds to supplement and not supplant funds that would
18 otherwise be available to the entity for teenage pregnancy
19 prevention.

20 “(h) EVALUATIONS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

22 “(A) conduct or provide for a rigorous
23 evaluation of 10 percent of programs for which
24 a grant is awarded under this section;

1 “(B) collect basic data on each program
2 for which a grant is awarded under this section;
3 and

4 “(C) upon completion of the evaluations
5 referred to in subparagraph (A), submit to the
6 Congress a report that includes a detailed state-
7 ment on the effectiveness of grants under this
8 section.

9 “(2) COOPERATION BY GRANTEES.—Each grant
10 recipient under this section shall provide such infor-
11 mation and cooperation as may be required for an
12 evaluation under paragraph (1).

13 “(i) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
14 term ‘rigorous scientific research’ means based on a pro-
15 gram evaluation that:

16 “(1) Measured impact on sexual or contracep-
17 tive behavior, pregnancy or childbearing.

18 “(2) Employed an experimental or quasi-experi-
19 mental design with well-constructed and appropriate
20 comparison groups.

21 “(3) Had a sample size large enough (at least
22 100 in the combined treatment and control group)
23 and a follow-up interval long enough (at least six
24 months) to draw valid conclusions about impact.

1 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may
4 be necessary thereafter. In addition, there are authorized
5 to be appropriated for evaluations under subsection (h)
6 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002 and
7 each fiscal year thereafter.”.

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