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To promote workforce development in rural areas and assist low income residents of rural communities in moving from welfare to work.

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Mrs. CLAYTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To promote workforce development in rural areas and assist low income residents of rural communities in moving from welfare to work.

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 “Rural Self-Sufficiency
5 and Workforce Advancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Unemployment and underemployment rates
9 are higher in rural than in urban areas.

1 (2) Jobs in rural areas are more heavily con-
2 centrated in minimum wage, part-time, and seasonal
3 employment than in urban areas.

4 (3) Average earnings are lower and poverty
5 rates are higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

6 (4) Work support services such as education
7 and job training, child care, and public transpor-
8 tation are less available in rural areas.

9 (5) Rural residents have less formal education
10 than do urban residents.

11 (6) Overall, the barriers to successfully moving
12 from welfare to work and to achieving economic sta-
13 bility and security among low-income families are
14 greater in rural than in urban and suburban areas.

15 (7) Research on rural welfare reform has shown
16 that—

17 (A) State welfare reform programs have
18 found positive impacts on long-term welfare re-
19 cipients in urban areas but not in rural areas;

20 (B) employment, earnings, and poverty
21 outcomes have been found to be worse for rural
22 single mothers than for urban single mothers
23 during the 1990s; and

1 (C) there is some evidence that it is more
2 difficult to reduce welfare caseloads in rural
3 areas than in urban ones.

4 (8) One of the main purposes of the 1996 wel-
5 fare reform law was to move all low-income families
6 toward economic self-sufficiency and not just those
7 residing in urban and suburban areas.

8 (9) Therefore, additional jobs, work supports,
9 and targeted resources are needed to support low-in-
10 come residents of rural areas in entering the work-
11 force and moving towards self-sufficiency.

12 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAMS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
15 retary”) shall make grants among eligible applicants, on
16 a competitive basis, in accordance with this section.

17 (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An entity desir-
18 ing to receive a grant under this section shall submit to
19 the Secretary an application in such form and manner and
20 at such time as the Secretary may require. Any such appli-
21 cation shall include a description of—

22 (1) the local labor market of the eligible rural
23 area, the barriers that low income individuals face in
24 the labor market, and the problems associated with
25 implementing welfare reform in the area;

1 (2) how the applicant's use of grant funds
2 under subsection (d) will address the problems re-
3 ferred to in paragraph (1); and

4 (3) the criteria which the applicant will use to
5 select entities to participate in the provision of tran-
6 sitional jobs and employment services under a tran-
7 sitional jobs program established by the applicant,
8 as described in subsection (e).

9 (c) BASIS FOR COMPETITION.—In determining
10 whether to make a grant to an applicant under this sec-
11 tion, the Secretary shall consider the following:

12 (1) The percentage by which the national aver-
13 age unemployment or poverty rate is exceeded by the
14 unemployment or poverty rate in the area in which
15 the program proposed in the application would seek
16 to provide transitional jobs.

17 (2) The extent to which the program proposed
18 in the application would be effective in helping the
19 program participants achieve stable employment and
20 job advancement.

21 (3) The extent to which the program proposed
22 in the application would seek to place participants in
23 transitional jobs that expand the diversity of the
24 local economy and that are not in traditional rural

1 occupations such as agriculture, mining, and for-
2 estry.

3 (4) The extent to which the program proposed
4 in the application was developed in consultation and
5 coordination with appropriate stakeholders in the eli-
6 gible rural areas, including—

7 (A) potential program participants;

8 (B) employers;

9 (C) labor organizations;

10 (D) community-based organizations; and

11 (E) units of local government.

12 (d) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each grantee shall use the
14 grant funds to—

15 (A) establish a transitional jobs program
16 as described in subsection (e);

17 (B) provide each program participant with
18 an individualized plan of services as described
19 in subsection (f); and

20 (C) prepare and submit the reports de-
21 scribed in subsection (g).

22 (2) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EX-
23 PENSES.—A grantee shall not use more than 10 per-
24 cent of the grant funds for administrative expenses

1 (including expenses associated with preparing and
2 submitting the reports described in subsection (g)).

3 (e) REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRANSITIONAL JOBS PRO-
4 GRAM.—With respect to the transitional jobs program of
5 the grantee, the grantee shall ensure the following:

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The transitional jobs pro-
7 gram shall—

8 (A) place each program participant in a
9 position of employment with an employer in the
10 eligible rural area; and

11 (B) provide for the reimbursement of each
12 such employer in an amount equal to 100 per-
13 cent (50 percent in the case of any for-profit
14 employer) of the sum of all wages paid to each
15 program participant employed by such employer
16 and all payroll taxes required to be paid by
17 such employer with respect to each such partici-
18 pant.

19 (2) MEANS TEST FOR PROGRAM PARTICI-
20 PANTS.—Each program participant shall be an indi-
21 vidual who has income that is less than 185 percent
22 of the poverty line (as defined in section 673(2) of
23 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, in-
24 cluding any revision required by such section, appli-
25 cable to a family of the size involved), and not less

1 than 50 percent of all such participants in the pro-
2 gram shall have income that is less than 100 percent
3 of the poverty line (as of the date that such partici-
4 pants enroll in the program).

5 (3) DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT.—A program
6 participant shall not be placed in a position of em-
7 ployment for more than 12 months.

8 (4) MINIMUM WAGE.—A program participant
9 shall not be placed in a position of employment
10 which is compensated at a rate less than the great-
11 est applicable minimum wage provided under Fed-
12 eral or State law.

13 (5) HOURS PER WEEK.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each program partici-
15 pant shall be placed in a position of employ-
16 ment which provides for such number of hours
17 of employment per week as equals or exceeds
18 the relevant minimum and does not exceed the
19 relevant maximum.

20 (B) RELEVANT MAXIMUM.—For purposes
21 of subparagraph (A), the term “relevant max-
22 imum” means, with respect to any program
23 participant for any week, the difference between
24 40 and the number of hours such participant

1 participates in counseling, training, and services
2 during such week under subsection (f)(3).

3 (C) RELEVANT MINIMUM.—For purposes
4 of subparagraph (A) and except as provided in
5 subparagraph (D), the term “relevant min-
6 imum” means, with respect to any program
7 participant for any week, the difference between
8 30 and the number of hours such participant
9 participates in counseling, training, and services
10 during such week under subsection (f)(3).

11 (D) EXCEPTION TO RELEVANT MIN-
12 IMUM.—With respect to any program partici-
13 pant for any week, the relevant minimum may
14 be determined by substituting “20” for “30” in
15 subparagraph (C) if such participant—

16 (i) is a parent with a child who—

17 (I) has not attained 6 years of
18 age;

19 (II) is disabled; or

20 (III) has other special needs; or

21 (ii) is an individual, or a member of
22 a class of individuals, identified by the Sec-
23 retary for purposes of this clause as eligi-
24 ble for reduced hours.

1 (6) REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO WORKER PRO-
2 TECTIONS.—With respect to the program, the grant-
3 ee shall ensure the following:

4 (A) LIMIT ON PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.—

5 An employer with more than 20 employees shall
6 not employ a program participant if more than
7 5 percent of such employer’s workforce would
8 consist of program participants as a result of
9 such employment. An employer with 20 or
10 fewer employees shall not employ more than 1
11 program participant at a time or employ any
12 program participant for more than 12 months
13 during any 18-month period.

14 (B) NONDISPLACEMENT.—An employer
15 shall not—

16 (i) displace an employee or position
17 (including partial displacement such as re-
18 duction in hours, wages, or benefits) or im-
19 pair a contract or collective bargaining
20 agreement, as a result of the employment
21 of a program participant, or

22 (ii) assign any program participant to
23 fill any established unfilled vacancy or to
24 perform any service, duty, or activity with
25 respect to which an individual has recall

1 rights pursuant to a collective bargaining
2 agreement or applicable personnel proce-
3 dures, or which had been performed by or
4 assigned to an employee who—

5 (I) resigned or was discharged
6 during the preceding 12 months;

7 (II) is subject to a reduction in
8 force;

9 (III) is on leave;

10 (IV) is on strike; or

11 (V) is being locked out.

12 (C) PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY.—An
13 employer shall not assign any program partici-
14 pant to an employment position if any employee
15 of such employer is eligible and qualified to be
16 promoted to such position.

17 (D) CONSULTATION.—Before placing any
18 program participant, the grantee shall consult
19 with the appropriate local labor organizations
20 representing employees in the area who are en-
21 gaged in the same or similar work as that pro-
22 posed for the participant, to ensure compliance
23 with this paragraph.

24 (f) REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALIZED PLANS OF
25 SERVICES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The grantee shall develop an
2 individual plan of services for each program partici-
3 pant designed to prepare such participant for em-
4 ployment positions available in the local economy
5 which offer the potential for advancement and
6 growth.

7 (2) COUNSELING AND TRAINING.—Each plan
8 developed under paragraph (1) shall provide for—

9 (A) case management services to monitor
10 the progress of the participant;

11 (B) appropriate education, training, and
12 other services to prepare the participant for em-
13 ployment;

14 (C) job placement assistance; and

15 (D) counseling and other services to aid
16 the participant in obtaining and retaining em-
17 ployment.

18 (3) DURATION.—Each plan developed under
19 paragraph (1) shall provide for at least 6 (and not
20 more than 15) hours per week of counseling, train-
21 ing, and services for each program participant dur-
22 ing the 24-month period beginning on the date that
23 such participant is placed in a position of employ-
24 ment under the program.

1 (4) STIPEND.—Under each plan developed
2 under paragraph (1), the grantee shall pay the pro-
3 gram participant a weekly stipend in an amount
4 equal to the product of—

5 (A) the hourly wage earned by such partic-
6 ipant in the position of employment in which
7 such participant is placed under the program,
8 and

9 (B) the number of hours of counseling,
10 training, and services in which the participant
11 took part during such week.

12 (g) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each grantee shall submit to
14 the Secretary an annual report described in para-
15 graph (2) for each year during which any program
16 participant participated in a transitional jobs pro-
17 gram under subsection (e) or received a stipend
18 under subsection (f)(4).

19 (2) FORM AND CONTENTS.—Each report sub-
20 mitted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted at
21 such time and in such form and manner as the Sec-
22 retary may require, and shall include—

23 (A) demographic information about each
24 participant, including education level, literacy
25 level, and prior work experience;

1 (B) the identity of each entity that pro-
2 vided counseling, training, or services to any
3 participant under subsection (f) and a descrip-
4 tion of the counseling, training, or services so
5 provided;

6 (C) the number of participants who left the
7 program before completing the program and the
8 reasons therefore;

9 (D) the number of participants who did
10 and did not secure unsubsidized employment
11 during—

12 (i) the 60-day period beginning on the
13 date that such participant completed the
14 program; and

15 (ii) the 60-day period beginning on
16 the date that such participant completed
17 the plan of services described in subsection
18 (f); and

19 (E) information regarding the unsubsidized
20 employment secured by participants during the
21 periods described in subparagraph (D), includ-
22 ing industry, occupation, starting wages and
23 hours, availability of employer sponsored health
24 insurance, and sick and vacation leave.

25 (h) PROGRAM ASSESSMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
2 a study regarding the employment and earnings sta-
3 tus of program participants as of the date which is
4 12 months after the date such participant completes
5 the plan of services described in subsection (f).

6 (2) STATISTICAL SAMPLING.—The Secretary
7 shall conduct the study under paragraph (1) by
8 using such method of statistical sampling as the
9 Secretary determines appropriate to obtain an accu-
10 rate representation of the employment and earnings
11 status of all program participants.

12 (3) GRANTEE COOPERATION.—Each grantee
13 shall provide such information as the Secretary may
14 request for purposes of carrying out this subsection.

15 (4) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit a re-
16 port to Congress describing the results of the study
17 conducted under paragraph (1) and including such
18 conclusions, analysis, and recommendations as the
19 Secretary considers appropriate.

20 (i) DEADLINE FOR EXPENDITURE OF GRANT
21 FUNDS.—

22 (1) RETURN OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS.—A
23 grantee to which funds are provided under this sec-
24 tion shall remit to the Secretary any portion of such
25 funds which are not expended within 3 years after

1 date on which such funds are received by the grant-
2 ee, except to the extent that the grantee dem-
3 onstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that
4 the grantee had good cause for not expending the
5 funds.

6 (2) REDISTRIBUTION OF UNEXPENDED
7 FUNDS.—The Secretary shall redistribute any funds
8 remitted under paragraph (1) among other eligible
9 applicants who have not received a grant under this
10 section.

11 (j) REGULATIONS AND NONCOMPLIANCE.—

12 (1) REGULATIONS.—Within 90 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary
15 to carry out this section, including procedures for
16 the reporting of alleged violations of this section and
17 remedies for such violations.

18 (2) NONCOMPLIANCE.—If a grantee fails to
19 comply with any requirement of this title, the Sec-
20 retary may take such actions as are necessary to ob-
21 tain reimbursement of any grant funds which were
22 misused or remain unused.

23 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—The term “eligible
25 applicant” means any of the following:

1 (A) A unit of local government.

2 (B) A community-based non-profit organi-
3 zation.

4 (C) A labor organization.

5 (D) An Indian tribe (as defined in section
6 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
7 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)).

8 (E) A community, technical, or vocational
9 college.

10 (F) A local welfare, human service, or
11 workforce development agency.

12 (G) An entity determined to be appropriate
13 by the Secretary.

14 (H) A combination of the entities described
15 in this paragraph.

16 (2) ELIGIBLE RURAL AREA.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Within 180 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this section, the
19 Secretary shall define the term “eligible rural
20 area” for purposes of this section.

21 (B) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary
22 shall consider including in the definition the fol-
23 lowing factors:

24 (i) Poverty level.

1 (ii) Trends pertaining to persistent
2 poverty, joblessness, and population loss.

3 (iii) Loss of agricultural or other nat-
4 ural resource-based employment.

5 (iv) Significant labor market depend-
6 ency on a single industry sector.

7 (l) APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Out of any money in the
9 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-
10 priated, there are appropriated to the Secretary
11 \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through
12 2007 to carry out this section.

13 (2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ADMIN-
14 ISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of any amount made avail-
15 able under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, not more
16 than 10 percent of such amount may be used by the
17 Secretary for administrative expenses and evalua-
18 tions.

19 **SEC. 4. GRANTS TO IMPLEMENT RURAL WORKFORCE IN-**
20 **VESTMENT PLANS.**

21 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

22 (1) to provide rural communities with flexible
23 resources to address labor market and workforce de-
24 ficiencies;

1 (2) to implement innovative community and
2 workforce development strategies that strengthen
3 rural economies and provide low-income individuals
4 with jobs that will enable them to become economi-
5 cally independent; and

6 (3) to provide the targeted resources necessary
7 to ensure that rural, economically depressed regions
8 do not continue to fall behind urban and suburban
9 regions in welfare reform efforts.

10 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Health
11 and Human Services (in this section referred to as the
12 “Secretary”) shall make grants among eligible applicants,
13 on a competitive basis, in accordance with this section.

14 (c) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An entity desir-
15 ing to receive a grant under this section shall submit to
16 the Secretary an application at such time and in such form
17 and manner as the Secretary may require. Any such appli-
18 cation shall include a proposed rural workforce investment
19 plan described in subsection (d).

20 (d) RURAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PLAN.—

21 (1) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Any rural work-
22 force investment plan submitted by the applicant
23 shall include—

24 (A) a description of the workforce needs of
25 the eligible rural area;

1 (B) a description of the basic services in
2 the eligible rural area that are available to as-
3 sist low-income individuals in achieving eco-
4 nomic security and stability;

5 (C) a description of the opportunities for
6 economic diversification and innovation in the
7 eligible rural area, with particular attention to
8 entrepreneurial support and innovation;

9 (D) a description of the current and future
10 human resource capacity of the eligible rural
11 area;

12 (E) an identification of innovative public
13 and private collaborations in the eligible rural
14 area that will build workforce capacity and pro-
15 vide low-income individuals with support in
16 achieving economic stability and security;

17 (F) a clear explanation of how the pro-
18 posed activities and use of grant funds will in-
19 crease the ability of low-income individuals to
20 get and keep jobs that lead to economic security
21 and stability;

22 (G) an identification of the entity which
23 will manage any grant funds awarded to such
24 applicant; and

1 (H) a listing of annual performance goals
2 and a description of the strategies to be used to
3 meet such goals.

4 (2) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.—
5 The activities proposed to be carried out with grant
6 funds under the plan may include activities to—

7 (A) support the development and training
8 of rural workforces to facilitate the transition of
9 individuals from welfare to work and their
10 movement into jobs that provide them opportu-
11 nities for advancement;

12 (B) provide assistance to entities in the eli-
13 gible rural area that provide workforce develop-
14 ment services;

15 (C) assist with job training, workforce de-
16 velopment, and other needs related to the devel-
17 opment and maintenance of strong local and re-
18 gional economies including such facilities, infra-
19 structure, and other physical assets as are de-
20 termined by the Secretary;

21 (D) assist in the development of collabora-
22 tions that link public, private, and philanthropic
23 resources to achieve solutions to rural workforce
24 problems and enable low-income individuals re-

1 siding in rural areas to move from dependency
2 to economic security; and

3 (E) provide funds that will enable commu-
4 nities to solve problems associated with the dis-
5 tance between rural residents and available
6 jobs.

7 (e) BASIS FOR COMPETITION.—

8 (1) DETERMINATIONS BY SECRETARY.—The
9 Secretary shall not make a grant to an eligible appli-
10 cant under this section unless the Secretary has de-
11 termined that—

12 (A) the plan submitted by the applicant
13 meets the requirements of subsection (d);

14 (B) the management and organizational
15 structure of the applicant is sufficient to over-
16 see plan activities;

17 (C) the applicant is able to provide the
18 grantee share required by subsection (g);

19 (D) the applicant agrees to achieve, to the
20 maximum extent practicable, the annual per-
21 formance goals referred to in subsection
22 (d)(1)(H);

23 (E) the grant will not supplant non-Fed-
24 eral funds currently expended to support the
25 purposes of this section;

1 (F) the entity identified by the applicant to
2 manage the grant funds meets such require-
3 ments as the Secretary shall establish to ensure
4 that such entity is qualified and reliable; and

5 (G) the applicant and the plan of such ap-
6 plicant adequately represents the interests of all
7 demographic groups in the eligible rural area.

8 (2) PREFERENCES.—In awarding grants under
9 this section, the Secretary shall give a preference to
10 eligible applicants—

11 (A) that exhibit entrepreneurial innovation,
12 particularly in a public-private partnership;

13 (B) that represent a broad coalition of in-
14 terests described in subparagraphs (A) through
15 (G) of section 3(k)(1);

16 (C) that address deficiencies in job pro-
17 motion, job retention, and workforce develop-
18 ment services;

19 (D) that encourage economic diversifica-
20 tion in the eligible rural area;

21 (E) whose rural workforce investment plan
22 strengthens workforce and community develop-
23 ment so that low-income people can get and
24 keep jobs that will enable them to increase their

1 earnings and economic independence and sta-
2 bility;

3 (F) from communities or regions where the
4 unemployment or poverty rate exceeds 120 per-
5 cent of the national average unemployment or
6 poverty rate;

7 (G) from the rural counties which are most
8 isolated from a population center;

9 (H) whose rural workforce investment plan
10 provides for collaboration and coordination with
11 local Workforce Investment Boards established
12 pursuant to section 117 of the Workforce In-
13 vestment Act of 1998, and transitional jobs
14 programs established under section 3 of this
15 Act; and

16 (I) whose rural workforce investment plan
17 addresses other workforce development needs
18 identified by the Secretary.

19 (f) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Each grantee shall use
20 the grant funds to—

21 (1) implement the rural workforce investment
22 plan approved by the Secretary under subsection (e);
23 and

24 (2) prepare the annual reports described in sub-
25 section (h).

1 (g) COST SHARING.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each grantee shall provide
3 cash, services, materials, and other contributions
4 (excluding grant funds), which have a combined
5 value of not less than 25 percent of the grant funds,
6 to carry out the activities described in subsection (f).

7 (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the re-
8 quirement of paragraph (1) with respect to any
9 grantee if the Secretary determines that such re-
10 quirement would create a barrier to full participation
11 in the program.

12 (h) ANNUAL REPORTS.—With respect to each year
13 covered by the workforce investment plan, each grantee
14 shall submit to the Secretary a report at such time and
15 in such form and manner as the Secretary may require.
16 Each such report shall include a description of the grant-
17 ee's success or failure in meeting the annual performance
18 goals referred to in subsection (d)(1)(H).

19 (i) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary
20 shall—

21 (1) provide advice and technical assistance to
22 applicants and grantees regarding workforce devel-
23 opment and the means by which to assist rural low-
24 income individuals and families attain jobs, develop

1 basic life skills, and achieve economic security and
2 stability;

3 (2) evaluate the progress of grantees in achiev-
4 ing the annual performance goals referred to in sub-
5 section (d)(1)(H); and

6 (3) with respect to any year for which a grantee
7 submits a report under subsection (h), submit a re-
8 port to the President and to the Congress describing
9 the effects on eligible rural areas of the grants made
10 under this section and such other information as the
11 Secretary determines appropriate.

12 (j) REGULATIONS AND NONCOMPLIANCE.—

13 (1) REGULATIONS.—Within 90 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary
16 to carry out this section, including procedures for
17 the reporting of alleged violations of this section and
18 remedies for such violations.

19 (2) NONCOMPLIANCE.—If a grantee fails to
20 comply with any requirement of this title, the Sec-
21 retary may take such actions as are necessary to ob-
22 tain reimbursement of any grant funds which were
23 misused or remain unused.

24 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—The term “eligible
2 applicant” means a consortium of entities described
3 in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of section 3(k)(1)
4 which represent the public, nonprofit, and private
5 sector interests in the eligible rural area, including
6 the interests of demographic groups which compose
7 such sectors.

8 (2) ELIGIBLE RURAL AREA.—The term “eligible
9 rural area” has the meaning given such term under
10 section 3(k)(2).

11 (l) APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of any money in the
12 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,
13 there are appropriated to the Secretary \$75,000,000 for
14 each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007 to carry out this
15 section.

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