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H. R. 953

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to carry out programs to improve recovery rates for organs in eligible hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2001

Mr. INSLEE (for himself, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. CANTOR) 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 “Organ Coordination
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM OF GRANTS RE-**
2 **GARDING HOSPITAL ORGAN DONATION CO-**
3 **ORDINATORS.**

4 Part H of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 273 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
6 tion 374 the following section:

7 **“SEC. 374A. GRANTS REGARDING HOSPITAL ORGAN DONA-**
8 **TION COORDINATORS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
11 grants to qualifying organ donation entities for the
12 purpose of assisting such entities in carrying out
13 programs to coordinate the activities of eligible hos-
14 pitals that relate to seeking organ donations, includ-
15 ing coordination with qualified organ procurement
16 organizations under section 371, in order to make
17 progress toward the goal of increasing the rate of
18 organ donation for the eligible hospitals with respect
19 to which such grants are made.

20 “(2) ELIGIBLE HOSPITAL.—For purposes of
21 this section, an eligible hospital is a public or non-
22 profit private hospital that performs significant trau-
23 ma care, or a public or nonprofit private hospital or
24 consortium of such hospitals that serves a popu-
25 lation base of not fewer than 200,000 individuals.

1 “(3) QUALIFYING ORGAN DONATION ENTITY.—

2 For purposes of this section, a qualifying organ do-
3 nation entity is—

4 “(A) an eligible hospital; or

5 “(B) a qualified organ procurement orga-
6 nization under section 371.

7 “(b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making
8 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-
9 erence to an applicant if the Secretary determines that
10 the probable result of such a grant would be a significant
11 increase in the rate of organ donation for the eligible hos-
12 pital involved.

13 “(c) ADMINISTRATION OF COORDINATION PRO-
14 GRAM.—A condition for the receipt of a grant under sub-
15 section (a) is that the applicant involved agree that the
16 program under such subsection will be carried out
17 jointly—

18 “(1) by representatives from the eligible hos-
19 pital and the qualified organ procurement organiza-
20 tion with respect to which the grant is made; and

21 “(2) by such other entities as the representa-
22 tives referred to in paragraph (1) may designate.

23 “(d) EVALUATIONS; REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

24 “(1) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary shall, di-
25 rectly or through contracts with public or private en-

1 ties, provide for annual evaluations of programs
2 carried out pursuant to subsection (a) in order to
3 determine the extent to which the programs have in-
4 creased the rate of organ donation for the eligible
5 hospitals involved.

6 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after
7 the date on which amounts are first appropriated
8 pursuant to subsection (e), and annually thereafter,
9 the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate com-
10 mittees of the Congress a report that summarizes
11 evaluations under paragraph (1).

12 “(e) FUNDING.—

13 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
14 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
15 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may
16 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2002
17 through 2006.

18 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appro-
19 priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the
20 Secretary shall reserve 50 percent for grants under
21 subsection (a) to qualifying organ donation entities
22 described in paragraph (3)(A) of such subsection
23 and 50 percent for grants under subsection (a) to

1 qualifying organ donation entities described in para-
2 graph (3)(B) of such subsection.”.

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