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S. 1911

To amend the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize national and regional programs designed to provide instructional activities for low-income youth.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. CLELAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Keep Inspiration and
5 Development Strong Act” or the “KIDS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) since 1968, when the National Youth Sports
9 Program (referred to in this Act as the “Program”)

1 began, the Program has provided a character-build-
2 ing environment for low-income children to develop
3 athletic, educational, and leadership skills;

4 (2)(A) the Program utilizes community re-
5 sources, private funding, and public funding to carry
6 out the Program's goals; and

7 (B) for every \$1 in Federal funds appropriated
8 for the Program, the Program receives nearly \$3
9 from private sources, through cash contributions or
10 services provided at Program sites;

11 (3)(A) the continued investment of Federal re-
12 sources in the Program is in the Nation's best inter-
13 est, especially given a recent increase in child obesity
14 in the United States; and

15 (B) the Surgeon General's report to the Presi-
16 dent, published in the fall of 2000 and entitled
17 "Promoting Better Health for Young People
18 Through Physical Activity and Sports", indicated
19 that child obesity had doubled in the preceding 20
20 years;

21 (4)(A) the Program enhances the health of chil-
22 dren by providing quality medical care; and

23 (B) in 2001, 77,106 medical examinations were
24 administered at Program sites for children who
25 might otherwise not have visited a doctor;

1 (5) the Program encourages educational growth
 2 in children by exposing the children to a collegiate
 3 atmosphere at an early age and establishing higher
 4 education as a natural life goal for the children;

5 (6) the Program is truly a national program,
 6 expanding in 2001 to college and university cam-
 7 puses in 49 States, the District of Columbia, and
 8 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

9 (7) the Nation can best prepare the children of
 10 the United States to embrace their future by encour-
 11 aging healthy bodies and healthy minds.

12 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION.**

13 Section 682(g) of the Community Services Block
 14 Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9923(g)) is amended to read as fol-
 15 lows:

16 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 18 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and such sums as may
 19 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008.”.

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