

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3897

To reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2004

Mr. HERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Welfare Extension and
5 Marriage Promotion Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR**
2 **NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**
3 **THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Activities authorized by part A of
5 title IV of the Social Security Act (except section
6 403(a)(2) of such Act, as in effect during fiscal year
7 2002), and by sections 510, 1108(b), and 1925 of such
8 Act, shall continue through June 30, 2004, in the manner
9 authorized for fiscal year 2002, notwithstanding section
10 1902(e)(1)(A) of such Act, and out of any money in the
11 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,
12 there are hereby appropriated such sums as may be nec-
13 essary for such purpose. Grants and payments may be
14 made pursuant to this authority through the third quarter
15 of fiscal year 2004 at the level provided for such activities
16 through the third quarter of fiscal year 2002.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
18 403(a)(3)(H)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
19 603(a)(3)(H)(ii)) is amended by striking “March 31” and
20 inserting “June 30”.

21 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF THE NATIONAL RANDOM SAMPLE**
22 **STUDY OF CHILD WELFARE AND CHILD WEL-**
23 **FARE WAIVER AUTHORITY THROUGH JUNE**
24 **30, 2004.**

25 Activities authorized by sections 429A and 1130(a)
26 of the Social Security Act shall continue through June 30,

1 2004, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2002, and
 2 out of any money in the Treasury of the United States
 3 not otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated
 4 such sums as may be necessary for such purpose. Grants
 5 and payments may be made pursuant to this authority
 6 through the third quarter of fiscal year 2004 at the level
 7 provided for such activities through the third quarter of
 8 fiscal year 2002.

9 **SEC. 4. HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION GRANTS; REPEAL**
 10 **OF BONUS FOR REDUCTION OF ILLEGIT-**
 11 **IMACY RATIO.**

12 Section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
 13 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

14 “(2) HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION
 15 GRANTS.—

16 “(A) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall
 17 award competitive grants to States, territories,
 18 and tribal organizations for not more than 50
 19 percent of the cost of developing and imple-
 20 menting innovative programs to promote and
 21 support healthy, married, 2-parent families.

22 “(B) HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION AC-
 23 TIVITIES.—Funds provided under subparagraph
 24 (A) shall be used to support any of the fol-
 25 lowing programs or activities:

1 “(i) Public advertising campaigns on
2 the value of marriage and the skills needed
3 to increase marital stability and health.

4 “(ii) Education in high schools on the
5 value of marriage, relationship skills, and
6 budgeting.

7 “(iii) Marriage education, marriage
8 skills, and relationship skills programs,
9 that may include parenting skills, financial
10 management, conflict resolution, and job
11 and career advancement, for non-married
12 pregnant women and non-married expect-
13 ant fathers.

14 “(iv) Pre-marital education and mar-
15 riage skills training for engaged couples
16 and for couples or individuals interested in
17 marriage.

18 “(v) Marriage enhancement and mar-
19 riage skills training programs for married
20 couples.

21 “(vi) Divorce reduction programs that
22 teach relationship skills.

23 “(vii) Marriage mentoring programs
24 which use married couples as role models
25 and mentors in at-risk communities.

1 “(viii) Programs to reduce the dis-
2 incentives to marriage in means-tested aid
3 programs, if offered in conjunction with
4 any activity described in this subpara-
5 graph.

6 “(C) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money
7 in the Treasury of the United States not other-
8 wise appropriated, there are appropriated for
9 fiscal year 2004 \$50,000,000 for grants under
10 this paragraph.”.

11 **SEC. 5. SECRETARY'S FUND FOR RESEARCH, DEMONSTRA-**
12 **TIONS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

13 Section 413 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
14 613) is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(k) FUNDING FOR RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATIONS,
16 AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Out of any money in the
17 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,
18 there are appropriated \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2004,
19 which shall be available to the Secretary for the purpose
20 of conducting and supporting research and demonstration
21 projects by public or private entities, and providing tech-
22 nical assistance to States, Indian tribal organizations, and
23 such other entities as the Secretary may specify that are
24 receiving a grant under this part, which shall be expended
25 primarily on activities described in section 403(a)(2)(B),

- 1 and which shall be in addition to any other funds made
- 2 available under this part.”.

