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**S. 2852**

To provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TALENT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Special Olympics Sport  
3 and Empowerment Act of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

5       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6           (1) Special Olympics celebrates the possibilities  
7 of a world where everybody matters, everybody  
8 counts, every person has value, and every person has  
9 worth.

10          (2) The Government and the people of the  
11 United States recognize the dignity and value the  
12 giftedness of children and adults with intellectual  
13 disabilities.

14          (3) The Government and the people of the  
15 United States are determined to end the isolation  
16 and stigmatization of individuals with intellectual  
17 disabilities.

18          (4) For more than 36 years, Special Olympics  
19 has encouraged skill, sharing, courage, and joy  
20 through year-round sports training and athletic com-  
21 petition for children and adults with intellectual dis-  
22 abilities.

23          (5) Special Olympics provides year-round sports  
24 training and competitive opportunities to 1,500,000  
25 athletes with intellectual disabilities in 26 sports and  
26 plans to expand the joy of participation through

1 sport to hundreds of thousands of individuals with  
2 intellectual disabilities within the United States and  
3 worldwide over the next 5 years.

4 (6) Special Olympics has demonstrated its abil-  
5 ity to provide a major positive effect on the quality  
6 of life of individuals with intellectual disabilities, im-  
7 proving their health and physical well-being, building  
8 their confidence and self-esteem, and giving them a  
9 voice to become active and productive members of  
10 their communities.

11 (7) In society as a whole, Special Olympics has  
12 become a vehicle and platform for breaking down ar-  
13 tificial barriers, improving public health, changing  
14 negative attitudes in education, and helping athletes  
15 with intellectual disabilities overcome the prejudice  
16 that individuals with intellectual disabilities face in  
17 too many places.

18 (8) The Government of the United States en-  
19 thusiastically supports Special Olympics, recognizes  
20 its importance in improving the lives of individuals  
21 with intellectual disabilities, and recognizes Special  
22 Olympics as a valued and important component of  
23 the global community.

24 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

1           (1) provide support to Special Olympics to in-  
2       crease athlete participation in and public awareness  
3       about the Special Olympics movement;

4           (2) dispel negative stereotypes about individuals  
5       with intellectual disabilities;

6           (3) build athletic and family involvement  
7       through sport; and

8           (4) promote the extraordinary gifts of individ-  
9       uals with intellectual disabilities.

10 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS.**

11       (a) EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary of Edu-  
12   cation may award grants to, or enter into contracts or co-  
13   operative agreements with, Special Olympics to carry out  
14   the following:

15           (1) Activities to promote the expansion of Spe-  
16   cial Olympics, including activities to increase the  
17   participation of individuals with intellectual disabil-  
18   ities within the United States.

19           (2) The design and implementation of Special  
20   Olympics education programs, including character  
21   education and volunteer programs that support the  
22   purposes of this Act, that can be integrated into  
23   classroom instruction and are consistent with aca-  
24   demic content standards.

1 (b) INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary of  
2 State may award grants to, or enter into contracts or co-  
3 operative agreements with, Special Olympics to carry out  
4 the following:

5 (1) Activities to increase the participation of in-  
6 dividuals with intellectual disabilities in Special  
7 Olympics outside of the United States.

8 (2) Activities to improve the awareness outside  
9 of the United States of the abilities of individuals  
10 with intellectual disabilities and the unique contribu-  
11 tions that individuals with intellectual disabilities  
12 can make to society.

13 (c) HEALTHY ATHLETES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
15 Human Services may award grants to, or enter into  
16 contracts or cooperative agreements with, Special  
17 Olympics for the implementation of onsite health as-  
18 sessments, screening for health problems, health  
19 education, data collection, and referrals to direct  
20 health care services.

21 (2) COORDINATION.—Activities under para-  
22 graph (1) shall be coordinated with activities of pri-  
23 vate health care providers, authorized programs of  
24 State and local jurisdictions, and activities of the

1 Department of Health and Human Services, as ap-  
 2 plicable.

3 (d) LIMITATION.—Amounts appropriated to carry  
 4 out this section shall not be used for direct treatment of  
 5 diseases, medical conditions, or mental health conditions.  
 6 Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to  
 7 limit the use of non-Federal funds by Special Olympics.

8 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION AND ANNUAL REPORT.**

9 (a) APPLICATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a grant,  
 11 contract, or cooperative agreement under subsection  
 12 (a), (b), or (c) of section 3, Special Olympics shall  
 13 submit an application at such time, in such manner,  
 14 and containing such information as the Secretary of  
 15 Education, Secretary of State, or Secretary of  
 16 Health and Human Services, as applicable, may re-  
 17 quire.

18 (2) CONTENT.—At a minimum, an application  
 19 under this subsection shall contain the following:

20 (A) ACTIVITIES.—A description of activi-  
 21 ties to be carried out with the grant, contract,  
 22 or cooperative agreement.

23 (B) MEASURABLE GOALS.—Information on  
 24 specific measurable goals and objectives to be

1           achieved through activities carried out with the  
2           grant, contract, or cooperative agreement.

3       (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition on receipt of  
5       any funds under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section  
6       3, Special Olympics shall agree to submit an annual  
7       report at such time, in such manner, and containing  
8       such information as the Secretary of Education, Sec-  
9       retary of State, or Secretary of Health and Human  
10      Services, as applicable, may require.

11          (2) CONTENT.—At a minimum, each annual re-  
12      port under this subsection shall describe the degree  
13      to which progress has been made toward meeting the  
14      goals and objectives described in the applicable ap-  
15      plication submitted under subsection (a).

16   **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17      There are authorized to be appropriated—

18          (1) for grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-  
19      ments under section 3(a), \$5,500,000 for fiscal year  
20      2005, and such sums as may be necessary for each  
21      of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

22          (2) for grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-  
23      ments under section 3(b), \$3,500,000 for fiscal year  
24      2005, and such sums as may be necessary for each  
25      of the 4 succeeding fiscal years; and

1           (3) for grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-  
2       ments under section 3(c), \$6,000,000 for each of fis-  
3       cal years 2005 through 2009.





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