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H. R. 4265

To establish a pilot program to provide grants to encourage eligible institutions of higher education to establish and operate pregnant and parenting student services offices for pregnant students, parenting students, prospective parenting students who are anticipating a birth or adoption, and students who are placing or have placed a child for adoption.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Elizabeth Cady Stan-
3 ton Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act of
4 2005”.

5 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) pregnant college students should not have
8 to make a choice between keeping their baby and
9 staying in school;

10 (2) the pilot program under this Act will help
11 interested, eligible institutions of higher education
12 establish pregnancy and parenting student services
13 offices that will operate independent of Federal
14 funding no later than 5 years after the date of the
15 enactment of this Act; and

16 (3) amounts appropriated to carry out other
17 Federal programs should be reduced to offset the
18 costs of this Act.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-**
22 **CATION.**—The term “eligible institution of higher
23 education” means an institution of higher education
24 (as such term is defined in section 101 of the High-
25 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that
26 has established and operates, or agrees to establish

1 and operate upon the receipt of a grant under this
2 Act, a pregnant and parenting student services office
3 described in section 7.

4 (2) PARENT; PARENTING.—The terms “parent”
5 and “parenting” refer to a parent or legal guardian
6 of a minor.

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of Education.

9 **SEC. 4. PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT SERVICES**
10 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

11 From amounts appropriated under section 9 for a fis-
12 cal year, the Secretary shall establish a pilot program to
13 award grants to eligible institutions of higher education
14 to enable the eligible institutions to establish (or maintain)
15 and operate pregnant and parenting student services of-
16 fices in accordance with section 7.

17 **SEC. 5. APPLICATION; NUMBER OF GRANTS.**

18 (a) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution of higher
19 education that desires to receive a grant under this Act
20 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
21 in such manner, and containing such information as the
22 Secretary may require

23 (b) REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—
24 The Secretary may require an eligible institution submit-
25 ting an application under subsection (a) to provide addi-

1 tional information if the Secretary determines such infor-
2 mation is necessary to process the application.

3 (c) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—Subject to the availability
4 of appropriations under section 9, the Secretary shall
5 award grants under this Act to no more than 200 eligible
6 institutions.

7 **SEC. 6. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

8 An eligible institution of higher education that re-
9 ceives a grant under this Act shall contribute to the con-
10 duct of the pregnant and parenting student services office
11 supported by the grant an amount from non-Federal funds
12 equal to the amount of the grant. The non-Federal share
13 may be in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including serv-
14 ices, facilities, supplies, or equipment.

15 **SEC. 7. USE OF FUNDS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution of higher
17 education that receives a grant under this Act shall use
18 grant funds to establish (or maintain) and operate a preg-
19 nant and parenting student services office, located on the
20 campus of the eligible institution, that carries out the fol-
21 lowing programs and activities:

22 (1) Hosts an initial pregnancy and parenting
23 resource forum—

24 (A) to assess pregnancy and parenting re-
25 sources, located on the campus or within the

1 local community, that are available to meet the
2 needs described in paragraph (2); and

3 (B) to set goals for—

4 (i) improving such resources for preg-
5 nant, parenting, and prospective parenting
6 students; and

7 (ii) improving access to such re-
8 sources.

9 (2) Annually assesses the performance of the el-
10 igible institution and the office in meeting the fol-
11 lowing needs of students enrolled in the eligible in-
12 stitution who are pregnant or are parents:

13 (A) The inclusion of maternity coverage
14 and the availability of riders for additional fam-
15 ily members in student health care.

16 (B) Family housing.

17 (C) Child care.

18 (D) Flexible or alternative academic sched-
19 uling, such as telecommuting programs.

20 (E) Education to improve parenting skills
21 for mothers and fathers and to strengthen mar-
22 riages.

23 (F) Resources to assist parents and pro-
24 spective parents in meeting the material needs
25 of their children.

1 (G) Post-partum counseling and support
2 groups.

3 (3) Identifies public and private service pro-
4 viders, located on the campus of the eligible institu-
5 tion or within the local community, that are quali-
6 fied to meet the needs described in paragraph (2),
7 and establishes programs with qualified providers to
8 meet such needs.

9 (4) Assists pregnant and parenting students
10 and their spouses in locating and obtaining services
11 that meet the needs described in paragraph (2).

12 (5) If appropriate, provides referrals for pre-
13 natal care and delivery, infant or foster care, or
14 adoption, to a student who requests such informa-
15 tion. An office shall make such referrals only to
16 service providers that primarily serve the following
17 types of individuals:

18 (A) Parents.

19 (B) Prospective parents awaiting adoption.

20 (C) Women who are pregnant and plan on
21 parenting or placing the child for adoption.

22 (D) Parenting or prospective parenting
23 couples who are married or who plan on
24 marrying in order to provide a supportive envi-
25 ronment for each other and their child.

1 (b) EXPANDED SERVICES.—In carrying out the pro-
2 grams and activities described in subsection (a), an eligible
3 institution of higher education receiving a grant under this
4 Act may choose to provide access to such programs and
5 activities to a pregnant or parenting employee of the eligi-
6 ble institution, and the employee’s spouse.

7 **SEC. 8. REPORTING.**

8 (a) ANNUAL REPORT BY INSTITUTIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year that an
10 eligible institution of higher education receives a
11 grant under this Act, the eligible institution shall
12 prepare and submit to the Secretary, by the date de-
13 termined by the Secretary, a report that—

14 (A) itemizes the pregnant and parenting
15 student services office’s expenditures for the fis-
16 cal year;

17 (B) contains a review and evaluation of the
18 performance of the office in fulfilling the re-
19 quirements of this Act, using the specific per-
20 formance criteria or standards established
21 under paragraph (2)(A); and

22 (C) describes the achievement of the office
23 in meeting the needs listed in section 7(a)(2) of
24 the students served by the eligible institution,

1 and the frequency of use of the office by such
2 students.

3 (2) PERFORMANCE CRITERIA.—Not later than
4 180 days before the date the annual report described
5 in paragraph (1) is submitted, the Secretary—

6 (A) shall identify the specific performance
7 criteria or standards that shall be used to pre-
8 pare the report; and

9 (B) may establish the form or format of
10 the report.

11 (3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—After review-
12 ing an annual report of an eligible institution of
13 higher education, the Secretary may require that the
14 eligible institution provide additional information if
15 the Secretary determines that such additional infor-
16 mation is necessary to evaluate the pilot program.

17 (b) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall
18 annually prepare and submit a report on the findings of
19 the pilot program under this Act, including the number
20 of eligible institutions of higher education that were
21 awarded grants and the number of students served by
22 each pregnant and parenting student services office receiv-
23 ing funds under this Act, to the appropriate committees
24 of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act no more than \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal
4 years 2006 through 2010.

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