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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. DOLE 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,*

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. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-**
8 **CATION.**—The term “eligible institution of higher
9 education” means an institution of higher education
10 (as such term is defined in section 101 of the High-
11 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that
12 has established and operates, or agrees to establish
13 and operate upon the receipt of a grant under this
14 Act, a pregnant and parenting student services office
15 described in section 5.

16 (2) **PARENT; PARENTING.**—The terms “parent”
17 and “parenting” refer to a parent or legal guardian
18 of a minor.

19 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Education.

21 **SEC. 3. PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT SERVICES**
22 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

23 From amounts appropriated under section 7 for a fis-
24 cal year, the Secretary shall establish a pilot program to
25 award grants to eligible institutions of higher education
26 to enable the eligible institutions to establish (or maintain)

1 and operate pregnant and parenting student services of-
2 fices in accordance with section 5.

3 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION; NUMBER OF GRANTS.**

4 (a) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution of higher
5 education that desires to receive a grant under this Act
6 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
7 in such manner, and containing such information as the
8 Secretary may require

9 (b) REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—
10 The Secretary may require an eligible institution submit-
11 ting an application under subsection (a) to provide addi-
12 tional information if the Secretary determines such infor-
13 mation is necessary to process the application.

14 (c) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall
15 award grants under this Act to not more than 200 eligible
16 institutions of higher education.

17 **SEC. 5. USE OF FUNDS.**

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

24 (1) Hosts an initial pregnancy and parenting
25 resource forum—

1 (A) to assess available pregnancy and par-
2 enting resources located on the campus or with-
3 in the local community; and

4 (B) to set goals for—

5 (i) improved services for pregnant,
6 parenting, and prospective parenting stu-
7 dents; and

8 (ii) improved access to such services.

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) Student health care that includes ma-
14 ternity coverage and makes available riders for
15 additional family members.

16 (B) Family housing.

17 (C) Child care.

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

20 (E) Education concerning responsible par-
21 enting for mothers and fathers, and education
22 supporting healthy marriages.

23 (F) Resources for pregnant women and
24 children, such as maternity and baby clothing,

1 baby food (including formula), and baby fur-
2 niture.

3 (G) Post-partum counseling and support
4 groups.

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

11 (4) Assists pregnant and parenting students in
12 locating and obtaining services that meet the needs
13 described in paragraph (2).

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

20 (A) Parents.

21 (B) Prospective parents awaiting adoption.

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

24 (D) Parenting or prospective parenting
25 couples who are married or who plan on

1 marrying in order to provide a supportive envi-
2 ronment for each other and their child.

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

9 **SEC. 6. REPORTING.**

10 (a) ANNUAL REPORT BY INSTITUTIONS.—

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

16 (A) itemizes the pregnant and parenting
17 student services office's expenditures for the fis-
18 cal year;

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

24 (C) describes the achievement of the office
25 in meeting the needs listed in section 5(a)(2) of

1 the students served by the eligible institution,
2 and the frequency of use of the office by such
3 students.

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

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

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

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

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

1 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006
4 through 2010.

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