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S. 2315

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a federally-supported education and awareness campaign for the prevention of methamphetamine use.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURNS 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 “Methamphetamine
5 Awareness and Prevention Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) Methamphetamine addiction is a growing
2 epidemic in the United States.

3 (2) Existing programs within the Federal Gov-
4 ernment do not specifically target methamphetamine
5 use in an effective manner, considering the wide-
6 spread use of the drug.

7 (3) The existing drug policy of the Federal Gov-
8 ernment focuses on the impact of marijuana as a
9 gateway drug rather than methamphetamine.

10 (4) Methamphetamine use impacts a variety of
11 Federal and State services, from child welfare to ad-
12 diction, treatment, and housing costing taxpayers
13 millions of dollars every year.

14 (5) The Substance Abuse and Mental Health
15 Services Administration found in 2004 that
16 1,400,000 persons ages 12 and older used meth-
17 amphetamine in the past year.

18 (6) Precursor chemicals for the production of
19 methamphetamine vary widely and are easily acces-
20 sible across the United States.

21 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pre-
22 vent the spread of methamphetamine through the estab-
23 lishment of a competitive grant program to identify suc-
24 cessful methamphetamine education and awareness cam-
25 paigns.

1 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**
2 **ACT.**

3 Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 **“SEC. 506C. METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS AND PRE-**
7 **VENTION.**

8 “(a) OFFICE.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
10 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
11 Administration an office to be known as the Meth-
12 amphetamine Awareness and Prevention Office. The
13 Office shall be headed by a director to be appointed
14 by the Secretary.

15 “(2) DUTIES.—In addition to other activities
16 determined appropriate by the Secretary to reduce
17 the use of methamphetamines, the director of the
18 Office shall administer the grant program estab-
19 lished under subsection (b).

20 “(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The director of the Office
22 shall establish a program to award competitive
23 grants to eligible entities for the establishment and
24 implementation of successful methamphetamine edu-
25 cation and awareness campaigns to reduce the
26 spread of methamphetamine use.

1 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant
2 under this subsection an entity shall—

3 “(A) be a State or local government or a
4 private nonprofit organization;

5 “(B) submit to the director of the Office
6 an application in accordance with paragraph
7 (3)(C); and

8 “(C) provide assurances that the entity will
9 contribute non-Federal funds towards the costs
10 of carrying out activities under the grant in an
11 amount equal to 100 percent of the amount re-
12 ceived under the grant.

13 “(3) APPLICATIONS.—

14 “(A) PROCESS.—Not later than 90 days
15 after the date of enactment of this section, the
16 director of the Office shall solicit applications
17 for grants under this subsection. The director
18 of the Office shall notify an applicant in writing
19 of the reasons why an applicant has failed to be
20 awarded such a grant.

21 “(B) EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS.—In
22 determining whether to award a grant to an ap-
23 plicant under this subsection, the director of the
24 Office shall—

1 “(i) evaluate the scope of the edu-
2 cation and awareness campaign to be con-
3 ducted under the grant to ensure that the
4 target audience is reached;

5 “(ii) consider the duration of the edu-
6 cation and awareness campaign involved
7 and the expected positive impact at the
8 State or local level;

9 “(iii) consider the ability of the appli-
10 cant to tailor the message to at-risk popu-
11 lations;

12 “(iv) require a reduced match of 50
13 percent with respect to applications from
14 rural or underserved areas, such as Indian
15 reservations, with little access to outside
16 capital, and any other areas deemed eligi-
17 ble by the director of the Office; and

18 “(v) consider the benefit of the appli-
19 cant’s program based on the criteria de-
20 scribed in clauses (i) through (iv).

21 “(C) CONTENTS.—An application sub-
22 mitted under paragraph (2)(B) shall contain—

23 “(i) a description of the methamphet-
24 amine education and awareness campaign
25 to be funded under the grant and how

1 such campaign will significantly curb meth-
2 amphetamine use, especially among those
3 vulnerable to using methamphetamine for
4 the first time;

5 “(ii) a description of the significance
6 of the methamphetamine problem in the
7 area targeted by the applicant’s campaign,
8 which may include the use of statistics pro-
9 vided through the annual research of the
10 Administration as well as any statistics
11 collected by the Department of Justice, the
12 Office of National Drug Control Policy, or
13 any other State or local law enforcement
14 agency determined useful by the Office to
15 accurately identify the scope of the meth-
16 amphetamine problem;

17 “(iii) a description of the size and
18 characteristics of the target audience (in-
19 cluding a focus on pre-teen and teenage
20 populations and populations that are his-
21 torically vulnerable to first-time use) and
22 the most effective means to reach such au-
23 dience as determined through the conduct
24 of a thorough review by the applicant prior
25 to the submission of the application;

1 “(iv) a detailed budget or spending
2 plan for use of grant funds;

3 “(v) evidence to demonstrate positive
4 outcomes of the campaign; and

5 “(vi) any other information deter-
6 mined appropriate by the director of the
7 Office.

8 “(4) LIMITATION.—An entity may receive not
9 more than one grant in each fiscal year under this
10 subsection. Each such grant shall not exceed
11 \$5,000,000.

12 “(5) SUBMISSION OF IMPACT REPORTS.—Not
13 later than 90 days after the exhaustion of each
14 grant period, the grant recipient shall submit to the
15 director of the Office a report on the impact of the
16 education and awareness campaign carried out
17 under the grant. Each such report shall include
18 quantitative data to demonstrate, with respect to the
19 campaign, the size of the audience reached, the im-
20 pact of the campaign, and the reaction to the cam-
21 paign from the State or local area involved. The di-
22 rector of the Office shall use such impact reports in
23 any subsequent determinations with respect to grant
24 awards.

1 “(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
 2 after the end of the first and each subsequent grant cycle
 3 under this section, the director of the Office shall submit
 4 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that
 5 contains a summary of grant awards under subsection (b)
 6 and the impact of such grants on communities throughout
 7 the United States. Information contained in the report
 8 may be shared among all interested Federal and State en-
 9 tities for use to coordinate effective methamphetamine
 10 prevention activities.

11 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAM-
 13 PAIGN.—The term ‘education and awareness cam-
 14 paign’ means a coordinated effort to reduce meth-
 15 amphetamine use through the use of any media,
 16 print, radio, television, Internet-based or any other
 17 mode of communication to convey messages to an
 18 audience.

19 “(2) GRANT CYCLE.—The term ‘grant cycle’
 20 means the length of time from the date on which a
 21 grant is awarded under this section until the date on
 22 which such grant is expended.

23 “(3) OFFICE.—The term ‘Office’ means the
 24 Methamphetamine Awareness and Prevention Office.

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
3 \$25,250,000 for fiscal year 2006. Of the amount appro-
4 priated for such fiscal year, \$250,000 shall be made avail-
5 able for the activities of the Office, and \$25,000,000 shall
6 be made available for grants under subsection (b).”.

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