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To authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ 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 “Teen Pregnancy Pre-
5 vention, Responsibility, and Opportunity Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) The United States has the highest teen-
9 pregnancy rate and teen birth rate in the western in-

1 industrialized world, costing the United States not less
2 than \$7,000,000,000 annually.

3 (2) About 1 out of 3 of all young women in the
4 United States becomes pregnant before she reaches
5 the age of 20.

6 (3) Teen pregnancy has serious consequences
7 for young women, their children, and communities
8 as a whole. Too-early childbearing increases the like-
9 lihood that a young woman will drop out of high
10 school and that she and her child will live in poverty.

11 (4) Statistically, the sons of teen mothers are
12 more likely to end up in prison. The daughters of
13 teen mothers are more likely to end up teen mothers
14 too.

15 (5) Teens that grow up in disadvantaged eco-
16 nomical, social, and familial circumstances are more
17 likely to engage in risky behavior and have a child
18 during adolescence.

19 (6) Teens with strong emotional attachments to
20 their parents are more likely to become sexually ac-
21 tive at a later age. 7 out of 10 teens say that they
22 are prepared to listen to things parents thought they
23 were not ready to hear.

24 (7) 78 percent of white and 70 percent of Afri-
25 can American teenagers report that lack of commu-

1 nication between a teenage girl and her parents is
2 frequently a reason a teenage girl has a baby.

3 (8) One study found that the likelihood of teens
4 having sex for the first time increased with the num-
5 ber of unsupervised hours teens have during a week.

6 (9) After-school programs reduce teen risky be-
7 havior by involving teens in activities that provide al-
8 ternatives to sex. Teenage girls who play sports, for
9 instance, are more likely to delay sex and have fewer
10 partners and less likely to become pregnant.

11 (10) After-school programs help prevent teen
12 pregnancy by advancing good decision-making skills
13 and providing teens health education and positive
14 role models in a supervised setting.

15 (11) 8 in 10 girls and 6 in 10 boys report that
16 they wish they had waited until they were older to
17 have sex.

18 **SEC. 3. EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING TEEN**
19 **PREGNANCIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
21 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
22 retary”) may make grants to local educational agencies,
23 State and local public health agencies, and nonprofit pri-
24 vate entities for the purpose of carrying out projects to
25 provide education on preventing teen pregnancies.

1 (b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making
 2 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-
 3 erence to applicants that will carry out the projects under
 4 such subsection in communities for which the rate of teen
 5 pregnancy is significantly above the average rate [in the
 6 United States?] of such pregnancies.

7 (c) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—A grant may be
 8 made under subsection (a) only if the applicant for the
 9 grant meets the following conditions with respect to the
 10 project involved:

11 (1) The applicant agrees that information pro-
 12 vided by the project on pregnancy prevention will be
 13 age-appropriate, factually and medically accurate
 14 and complete, and scientifically-based.

15 (2) The applicant agrees that the project will
 16 give priority to preventing teen pregnancies by—

17 (A) encouraging teens to delay sexual ac-
 18 tivity;

19 (B) providing educational services and
 20 interventions for sexually active teens or teens
 21 at risk of becoming sexually active;

22 (C) educating both young men and women
 23 about the responsibilities and pressures that
 24 come along with parenting;

1 (D) helping parents communicate with
2 teens about sexuality; or

3 (E) teaching young people responsible deci-
4 sion-making.

5 (d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the costs of
7 the project to be carried out under subsection (a) by
8 an applicant, a grant may be made under such sub-
9 section only if the applicant agrees to make available
10 (directly or through donations from public or private
11 entities) non-Federal contributions toward such
12 costs in an amount that is not less than 25 percent
13 of such costs (\$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds pro-
14 vided in the grant).

15 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT CONTRIB-
16 UTED.—Non-Federal contributions required in para-
17 graph (1) may be in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-
18 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.
19 Amounts provided by the Federal Government, or
20 services assisted or subsidized to any significant ex-
21 tent by the Federal Government, may not be in-
22 cluded in determining the amount of such non-Fed-
23 eral contributions.

24 (e) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—With respect to the
25 activities for which a grant under subsection (a) is author-

1 ized to be expended, such a grant may be made for a fiscal
2 year only if the applicant involved agrees to maintain ex-
3 penditures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at
4 a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures
5 maintained by the applicant for the fiscal year preceding
6 the first fiscal year for which the applicant receives such
7 a grant.

8 (f) EVALUATION OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall
9 establish criteria for the evaluation of projects under sub-
10 section (a). A grant may be made under such subsection
11 only if the applicant involved—

12 (1) agrees to conduct evaluations of the project
13 in accordance with such criteria;

14 (2) agrees to submit to the Secretary such re-
15 ports describing the results of the evaluations as the
16 Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

17 (3) submits to the Secretary, in the application
18 under subsection (g), a plan for conducting the eval-
19 uations.

20 (g) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
21 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
22 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
23 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
24 such agreements, assurances, and information, including
25 the agreements under subsections (c) through (f) and the

1 plan under subsection (f)(3), as the Secretary determines
 2 to be necessary to carry out this section.

3 (h) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than October
 4 1, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
 5 describing the extent to which projects under subsection
 6 (a) have been successful in reducing the rate of teen preg-
 7 nancies in the communities in which the projects have
 8 been carried out.

9 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) AGE-APPROPRIATE.—The term “age-appro-
 11 priate”, with respect to information on pregnancy
 12 prevention, means topics, messages, and teaching
 13 methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of
 14 children and adolescents, based on developing cog-
 15 nitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for
 16 the age or age group.

17 (2) FACTUALLY AND MEDICALLY ACCURATE
 18 AND COMPLETE.—The term “factually and medically
 19 accurate and complete” means verified or supported
 20 by the weight of research conducted in compliance
 21 with accepted scientific methods and—

22 (A) published in peer-reviewed journals,
 23 where applicable; or

24 (B) comprising information that leading
 25 professional organizations and agencies with

1 relevant expertise in the field recognize as accu-
 2 rate, objective, and complete.

3 (3) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
 4 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
 5 such term in section 9101 of the Elementary and
 6 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

7 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
 8 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
 9 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
 10 **【2007 through 2011】**.

11 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN AFTER-SCHOOL**
 12 **PROGRAMS.**

13 (a) 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CEN-
 14 TERS.—Section 4206 of the Elementary and Secondary
 15 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7176) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking
 17 “\$2,250,000,000” and inserting “\$2,500,000,000”;
 18 and

19 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking
 20 “\$2,500,000,000” and inserting “\$2,750,000,000”.

21 (b) CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PRO-
 22 GRAM.—Section 5401 of the Elementary and Secondary
 23 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7241) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “There are” and inserting “(a)
 25 IN GENERAL.—There are”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) PHYSICAL EDUCATION.—In addition to the
3 amounts authorized to be appropriated by subsection (a),
4 there are authorized to be appropriated \$73,000,000 for
5 each of fiscal years **【2007 and 2008】** to carry out subpart
6 10.”.

7 (c) FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS.—Section 402A(f) of
8 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–
9 11(f)) is amended by striking “\$700,000,000 for fiscal
10 year 1999, and such sums as may be necessary for each
11 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting
12 “\$883,000,000 for fiscal year **【2007】** and such sums as
13 may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal
14 years”.

15 (d) GEARUP.—Section 404H of the Higher Edu-
16 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–28) is amended by
17 striking “\$200,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such
18 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding
19 fiscal years” and inserting “\$325,000,000 for fiscal year
20 **【2007】** and such sums as may be necessary for each of
21 the 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

1 **SEC. 5. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE CRE-**
2 **ATIVE APPROACHES TO TEEN PREGNANCY**
3 **PREVENTION AND AFTER-SCHOOL PRO-**
4 **GRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
6 to public or nonprofit private entities for the purpose of
7 assisting the entities in demonstrating innovative ap-
8 proaches to prevent teen pregnancies.

9 (b) CERTAIN APPROACHES.—Approaches under sub-
10 section (a) may include the following:

11 (1) Encouraging teen-driven approaches to
12 pregnancy prevention.

13 (2) Exposing teens to realistic simulations of
14 the physical, emotional, and financial toll of preg-
15 nancy and parenting.

16 (3) Facilitating communication between parents
17 and children, especially programs that have been
18 evaluated and proven effective.

19 (c) MATCHING FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the costs of
21 the project to be carried out under subsection (a) by
22 an applicant, a grant may be made under such sub-
23 section only if the applicant agrees to make available
24 (directly or through donations from public or private
25 entities) non-Federal contributions toward such
26 costs in an amount that is not less than 25 percent

1 of such costs (\$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds pro-
2 vided in the grant).

3 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT CONTRIB-
4 UTED.—Non-Federal contributions required in para-
5 graph (1) may be in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-
6 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.
7 Amounts provided by the Federal Government, or
8 services assisted or subsidized to any significant ex-
9 tent by the Federal Government, may not be in-
10 cluded in determining the amount of such non-Fed-
11 eral contributions.

12 (d) EVALUATION OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall
13 establish criteria for the evaluation of projects under sub-
14 section (a). A grant may be made under such subsection
15 only if the applicant involved—

16 (1) agrees to conduct evaluations of the project
17 in accordance with such criteria;

18 (2) agrees to submit to the Secretary such re-
19 ports describing the results of the evaluations as the
20 Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

21 (3) submits to the Secretary, in the application
22 under subsection (e), a plan for conducting the eval-
23 uations.

24 (e) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
25 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the

1 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
2 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
3 such agreements, assurances, and information, including
4 the agreements under subsections (c) and (d) and the plan
5 under subsection (d)(3), as the Secretary determines to
6 be necessary to carry out this section.

7 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than October
8 1, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
9 describing the extent to which projects under subsection
10 (a) have been successful in reducing the rate of teen preg-
11 nancies in the communities in which the projects have
12 been carried out. Such reports shall describe the various
13 approaches used under subsection (a) and the effective-
14 ness of each of the approaches.

15 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
16 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
17 to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
18 **【2007 through 2011】**.

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