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To provide for programs that reduce the need for abortion, help women bear healthy children, and support new parents.

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A BILL

To provide for programs that reduce the need for abortion, help women bear healthy children, and support new parents.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Pregnant Women Support Act”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—COLLECTING AND REPORTING ABORTION
SURVEILLANCE DATA

- Sec. 101. Grants for collection and reporting of abortion surveillance data.
- Sec. 102. Report on reasons why women choose to have an abortion.

TITLE II—DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON ABORTION

- Sec. 201. Disclosure of information on abortion.

TITLE III—MEDICAID AND SCHIP COVERAGE OF PREGNANT
WOMEN AND UNBORN CHILDREN

- Sec. 301. Codification of optional SCHIP coverage of unborn children.
- Sec. 302. Coordination with the maternal and child health program.
- Sec. 303. Increase in SCHIP income eligibility.
- Sec. 304. Outreach program to encourage those eligible for services to enroll.

TITLE IV—HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREGNANT
WOMEN AND NEWBORNS

- Sec. 401. Individual health insurance coverage for pregnant women.
- Sec. 402. Continuation of health insurance coverage for newborns.

TITLE V—INCREASING WOMEN’S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR
PREGNANCY

- Sec. 501. Grants to health centers for purchase of ultrasound equipment.

TITLE VI—SERVICES REGARDING POSITIVE TEST DIAGNOSIS OF
DOWN SYNDROME OR OTHER PRENATALLY DIAGNOSED CONDI-
TIONS

- Sec. 601. Services to patients receiving positive test diagnosis for down syn-
drome or other prenatally diagnosed conditions.

TITLE VII—IMPROVING SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WHO
ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE,
AND STALKING

- Sec. 701. Findings.
- Sec. 702. Program to support pregnant women who are victims of domestic vio-
lence.
- Sec. 703. Homicide death certificates of certain female victims.

TITLE VIII—PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Sec. 801. Grants for increasing public awareness of resources available to assist pregnant women in carrying their pregnancies to term and to assist new parents.

TITLE IX—SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

- Sec. 901. Sense of Congress.
- Sec. 902. Definitions.
- Sec. 903. Pregnant and parenting student services pilot program.
- Sec. 904. Application; number of grants.
- Sec. 905. Matching Requirement.
- Sec. 906. Use of funds.
- Sec. 907. Reporting.
- Sec. 908. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE X—SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS

Sec. 1001. Grants to States.

TITLE XI—FEDERALLY-FUNDED HOMES FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN; ADOPTION COUNSELING; PARENTING SKILLS

Sec. 1101. Counseling requirements.

TITLE XII—EXPANSION OF ADOPTION CREDIT AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Sec. 1201. Expansion of adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

TITLE XIII—PROVIDING SUPPORT TO NEW PARENTS

- Sec. 1301. Increased support for WIC program.
- Sec. 1302. Nutritional support for low-income parents.
- Sec. 1303. Increased funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program.
- Sec. 1304. Teenage or first-time mothers; free home visits by registered nurses for education on health needs of infants.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) There are 1.29 million abortions annually in
4 America.

5 (2) 48 percent of all pregnancies in America are
6 unintended. Excluding miscarriages, 54 percent of
7 unintended pregnancies end in abortion.

1 (3) 57 percent of women who have abortions
2 have incomes below 200 percent of the poverty level.

3 (4) “Cannot afford a baby” is the second most
4 frequently cited reason women choose to have an
5 abortion; 73 percent of women having abortions
6 cited this reason as a contributing factor.

7 (5) This Act is an initiative to gather more
8 complete information about abortion, to reduce the
9 abortion rate by helping women carry their preg-
10 nancies to term and bear healthy children, and by
11 affirming the right of women to be fully informed
12 about their other options when they seek an abor-
13 tion.

14 (6) The initiative will work to support women
15 facing unplanned pregnancies, new parents and their
16 children by providing comprehensive measures for
17 health care needs, supportive services and helpful
18 prenatal information and postnatal services.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20 For purposes of this Act:

21 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
22 of Health and Human Services.

23 (2) The term “State” includes the 50 States,
24 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
25 Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern

1 Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Vir-
2 gin Islands, and any other territory or possession of
3 the United States.

4 **TITLE I—COLLECTING AND RE-**
5 **PORTING ABORTION SUR-**
6 **VEILLANCE DATA**

7 **SEC. 101. GRANTS FOR COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF**
8 **ABORTION SURVEILLANCE DATA.**

9 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the Di-
10 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
11 may make grants to States for collecting and reporting
12 abortion surveillance data.

13 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a
15 grant to a State under this section only if the State
16 agrees to submit a report in each of fiscal years
17 2009 and 2011 on the State’s abortion surveillance
18 data.

19 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted by a
20 State under this subsection shall, with respect to the
21 preceding 2 fiscal years, include—

22 (A) the number and characteristics of
23 women obtaining abortions in the State; and

24 (B) the characteristics of these abortions,
25 including the approximate gestational age of the

1 unborn child, the abortion method, and any
2 known physical or psychological complications.

3 (3) PERSONAL INFORMATION.—A report sub-
4 mitted by a State under this subsection shall not
5 contain the name of any woman obtaining or seeking
6 to obtain an abortion, any common identifier (such
7 as a social security number), or any other identifier
8 (including statistical information) that would make
9 it possible to identify in any manner or under any
10 circumstances an individual who has obtained or
11 seeks to obtain an abortion.

12 (c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall main-
13 tain the confidentiality of any individually identifiable in-
14 formation reported to the Secretary under this section.

15 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the end of
17 fiscal year 2011, the Secretary shall submit a report
18 to the Congress on the abortion surveillance data re-
19 ported to the Secretary under this section.

20 (2) PERSONAL INFORMATION.—A report sub-
21 mitted by the Secretary to the Congress under this
22 subsection shall not contain any name or other iden-
23 tifier described in subsection (b)(3).

24 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
25 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated

1 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
2 2008 through 2011.

3 **SEC. 102. REPORT ON REASONS WHY WOMEN CHOOSE TO**
4 **HAVE AN ABORTION.**

5 The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the
6 Institute of Medicine to study the reasons why women
7 choose to have an abortion. The Secretary shall ensure
8 that a report from the Institute describing the findings
9 of the study is submitted to the Congress not later than
10 January 10, 2011.

11 **TITLE II—DISCLOSURE OF**
12 **INFORMATION ON ABORTION**

13 **SEC. 201. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON ABORTION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Health facilities that perform
15 abortions in or affecting interstate commerce shall obtain
16 informed consent from the pregnant woman seeking to
17 have the abortion. Informed consent shall exist only after
18 a woman has voluntarily completed or opted not to com-
19 plete pre-abortion counseling sessions.

20 (b) ACCURATE INFORMATION.—Counseling sessions
21 under subsection (a) shall include the following informa-
22 tion:

23 (1) The probable gestational age and character-
24 istics of the unborn child at the time the abortion
25 will be performed.

1 (2) How the abortion procedure is performed.

2 (3) Possible short-term and long-term risks and
3 complications of the procedure to be performed.

4 (4) Options or alternatives to abortion, includ-
5 ing, but not limited to, adoption, and the resources
6 available in the community to assist women choosing
7 these options.

8 (5) The availability of post-procedure medical
9 services to address the risks and complications of
10 the procedure.

11 (c) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply when
12 the pregnant woman is herself incapable, under State law,
13 of making medical decisions. This section does not affect
14 or modify any requirement under State law for making
15 medical decisions for such patients.

16 (d) CIVIL REMEDIES.—

17 (1) CIVIL ACTION.—Any female upon whom an
18 abortion has been performed or attempted without
19 complying with the informed consent requirements
20 may bring a civil action in an appropriate district
21 court of the United States against the person who
22 performed the abortion in knowing or reckless viola-
23 tion of this section for actual and punitive damages.

1 (2) CERTAIN AUTHORITIES AND REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—With respect to an action under paragraph
3 (1):

4 (A) The court may award attorney’s fees
5 to the plaintiff if judgment is rendered in favor
6 of the plaintiff, and may award attorney’s fees
7 to the defendant if judgment is rendered in
8 favor of the defendant and the court finds that
9 the plaintiff’s case was frivolous and brought in
10 bad faith.

11 (B) The court shall determine whether the
12 anonymity of the female involved will be pre-
13 served from public disclosure if the female has
14 not consented to her identity being disclosed. If
15 the female’s identity is to be shielded, the court
16 shall issue an order sealing the record and ex-
17 cluding individuals from the courtroom to pre-
18 serve her identity.

19 (C) In the absence of the female’s written
20 consent, anyone other than a public official who
21 brings the action shall do so under a pseu-
22 donym.

23 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
24 subsection may be construed to conceal the identity

1 of the plaintiff or of the witnesses from the defend-
2 ant.

3 (e) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section
4 requiring informed consent for abortions is found uncon-
5 stitutional, the unconstitutional provision is severable and
6 the other provisions of this section remain in effect.

7 (f) PREEMPTION.—Nothing in this section shall pre-
8 vent a State from enacting and enforcing additional re-
9 quirements with respect to informed consent.

10 **TITLE III—MEDICAID AND SCHIP**
11 **COVERAGE OF PREGNANT**
12 **WOMEN AND UNBORN CHIL-**
13 **DREN**

14 **SEC. 301. CODIFICATION OF OPTIONAL SCHIP COVERAGE**
15 **OF UNBORN CHILDREN.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2110(b) of the Social Se-
17 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397jj(b)) is amended by adding
18 at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(5) COVERAGE OF UNBORN CHILDREN.—The
20 terms ‘child’ and ‘individual’ include, at the State
21 option, an unborn child.”.

22 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Subsection (a) shall be con-
23 strued as codifying the regulation promulgated at Federal
24 Register 61956 (October 2, 2002), relating to eligibility

1 for prenatal care and other health services for unborn chil-
2 dren under SCHIP.

3 **SEC. 302. COORDINATION WITH THE MATERNAL AND CHILD**
4 **HEALTH PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102(b)(3) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397bb(b)(3)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
10 and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

13 “(F) that operations and activities under
14 this title are developed and implemented in con-
15 sultation and coordination with the program op-
16 erated by the State under title V in areas in-
17 cluding outreach and enrollment, benefits and
18 services, service delivery standards, public
19 health and social service agency relationships,
20 and quality assurance and data reporting.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING MEDICAID AMENDMENT.—Section
22 1902(a)(11) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(11)) is
23 amended—

24 (1) by striking “and” before “(C)”; and

1 to enroll for services for their unborn children under titles
 2 XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act.

3 **TITLE IV—HEALTH INSURANCE**
 4 **COVERAGE FOR PREGNANT**
 5 **WOMEN AND NEWBORNS**

6 **SEC. 401. INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR**
 7 **PREGNANT WOMEN.**

8 (a) **LIMITATION ON IMPOSITION OF PRE-EXISTING**
 9 **CONDITION EXCLUSIONS AND WAITING PERIODS FOR**
 10 **WOMEN WITH PRIOR COVERAGE.**—Title XXVII of the
 11 Public Health Service Act is amended by inserting after
 12 section 2752 the following new section:

13 **“SEC. 2753. PROVIDING INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE**
 14 **COVERAGE WITHOUT REGARD TO PRE-**
 15 **EXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSION AND WAIT-**
 16 **ING PERIODS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WITH-**
 17 **IN ONE YEAR OF CONTINUOUS PRIOR COV-**
 18 **ERAGE.**

19 “In the case of a woman who has had at least 12
 20 months of creditable coverage before seeking individual
 21 health insurance coverage, such individual health insur-
 22 ance coverage, and the health insurance issuer offering
 23 such coverage, may not impose any preexisting condition
 24 exclusion relating to pregnancy as a preexisting condition,
 25 any waiting period, or otherwise discriminate in coverage

1 or premiums against the woman on the basis that she is
2 pregnant.”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2008, and
5 shall apply to women who become pregnant on or after
6 such date.

7 **SEC. 402. CONTINUATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COV-**
8 **ERAGE FOR NEWBORNS.**

9 (a) **GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE.**—Title XXVII
10 of the Public Health Service Act is amended by inserting
11 after section 2706 the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 2707. CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR NEWBORNS.**

13 “(a) **NOTIFICATION.**—In the case of a pregnant
14 woman who is covered under a group health plan, or under
15 group health insurance coverage, for other than family
16 coverage, the plan or issuer of the insurance shall provide
17 notice to the woman during the 5th month of pregnancy,
18 during the 8th month of pregnancy, and within 2 weeks
19 after delivery, of the woman’s option to provide continuing
20 coverage of the newborn child under the group health plan
21 or health insurance coverage under subsection (b).

22 “(b) **OPTION OF CONTINUED COVERAGE FOR**
23 **NEWBORNS.**—In the case of a pregnant woman described
24 in subsection (a) who has a newborn child under a group
25 health plan or under group health insurance coverage, the

1 plan or issuer offering the coverage shall provide the
2 woman with the option of electing coverage of the newborn
3 child at least through the end of the 30-day period begin-
4 ning on the date of birth of the child and no waiting period
5 or preexisting condition exclusion shall apply with respect
6 to the coverage of such a newborn child under such plan
7 or coverage. Such continuation coverage shall remain in
8 effect, subject to payment of applicable premiums, for at
9 least such period as the Secretary specifies.”.

10 (b) INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—

11 Such title is further amended by inserting after section
12 2753, as added by section 401, the following new section:

13 **“SEC. 2754. CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR NEWBORNS.**

14 “The provisions of section 2707 shall apply with re-
15 spect to individual health insurance coverage and the
16 issuer of such coverage in the same manner as they apply
17 to group health insurance coverage and the issuer of such
18 coverage.”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by

20 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2008, and shall

21 apply to women who become pregnant on or after such

22 date and children who are born of such women.

1 **TITLE V—INCREASING WOMEN’S**
2 **KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR**
3 **PREGNANCY**

4 **SEC. 501. GRANTS TO HEALTH CENTERS FOR PURCHASE OF**
5 **ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT.**

6 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
8 tion 317L the following:

9 **“SEC. 317L–1. GRANTS FOR THE PURCHASE OR UPGRADE**
10 **OF ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
12 for the purchase of ultrasound equipment. Such
13 ultrasound equipment shall be used by the recipients of
14 such grants to provide, under the direction and super-
15 vision of a licensed medical physician, ultrasound examina-
16 tions to pregnant women consenting to such services.

17 “(b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—An entity may
18 receive a grant under subsection (a) only if the entity
19 meets the following conditions:

20 “(1) The entity is a health center eligible to re-
21 ceive a grant under section 330 of the Public Health
22 Service Act (relating to community health centers,
23 migrant health centers, homeless health centers, and
24 public-housing health centers).

1 “(2) The entity agrees to comply with the fol-
2 lowing medical procedures:

3 “(A) The entity will inform each pregnant
4 woman upon whom the ultrasound equipment is
5 used that she has the right to view the visual
6 image of the unborn child from the ultrasound
7 examination and that she has the right to hear
8 a general anatomical and physiological descrip-
9 tion of the characteristics of the unborn child.

10 “(B) The entity will inform each pregnant
11 woman that she has the right to learn, accord-
12 ing to the best medical judgment of the physi-
13 cian performing the ultrasound examination or
14 the physician’s agent performing such exam,
15 the approximate age of the embryo or unborn
16 child considering the number of weeks elapsed
17 from the probable time of the conception of the
18 embryo or unborn child, based upon the infor-
19 mation provided by the client as to the time of
20 her last menstrual period, her medical history,
21 a physical examination, or appropriate labora-
22 tory tests.

23 “(c) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
24 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
25 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application

1 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
 2 such agreements, assurances, and information as the Sec-
 3 retary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

4 “(d) ANNUAL REPORT TO SECRETARY.—A grant
 5 may be made under subsection (a) only if the applicant
 6 for the grant agrees to report on an annual basis to the
 7 Secretary, in such form and manner as the Secretary may
 8 require, on the ongoing compliance of the applicant with
 9 the eligibility conditions established in subsection (b).

10 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
 11 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
 12 to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, and
 13 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
 14 2009 and 2010.”.

15 **TITLE VI—SERVICES REGARD-**
 16 **ING POSITIVE TEST DIAG-**
 17 **NOSIS OF DOWN SYNDROME**
 18 **OR OTHER PRENATALLY DI-**
 19 **AGNOSED CONDITIONS**

20 **SEC. 601. SERVICES TO PATIENTS RECEIVING POSITIVE**
 21 **TEST DIAGNOSIS FOR DOWN SYNDROME OR**
 22 **OTHER PRENATALLY DIAGNOSED CONDI-**
 23 **TIONS.**

24 (a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—

25 (1) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

1 (A) Pregnant women who choose to under-
2 go prenatal genetic testing should have access
3 to timely, scientific, and nondirective counseling
4 about the conditions being tested for and the
5 accuracy of such tests, from health care profes-
6 sionals qualified to provide and interpret these
7 tests. Informed consent is a critical component
8 of all genetic testing.

9 (B) A recent, peer-reviewed study and two
10 reports from the Centers for Disease Control
11 and Prevention on prenatal testing found a de-
12 ficiency in the data needed to understand the
13 epidemiology of prenatally diagnosed conditions,
14 to monitor trends accurately, and to increase
15 the effectiveness of health intervention.

16 (2) PURPOSES.—It is the purpose of this sec-
17 tion, after the diagnosis of an unborn child with
18 Down syndrome or other prenatally diagnosed condi-
19 tions, to—

20 (A) increase patient referrals to providers
21 of key support services to assist parents in the
22 care, or placement for adoption, of a child with
23 Down syndrome, or other prenatally diagnosed
24 conditions, as well as to provide up-to-date,
25 science-based information about life-expectancy

1 and development potential for a child born with
2 Down syndrome or other prenatally diagnosed
3 condition;

4 (B) provide networks of support services
5 described in subparagraph (A) through a Cen-
6 ters for Disease Control and Prevention patient
7 and provider outreach program;

8 (C) improve available data by incor-
9 porating information directly revealed by pre-
10 natal testing into existing State-based surveil-
11 lance programs for birth defects and prenatally
12 diagnosed conditions; and

13 (D) ensure that patients receive up-to-date,
14 scientific information about the accuracy of the
15 test.

16 (b) AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
17 ACT.—Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 **“SEC. 399R. SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING A POSI-**
21 **TIVE TEST DIAGNOSIS OF DOWN SYNDROME**
22 **OR OTHER PRENATALLY DIAGNOSED CONDI-**
23 **TIONS.**

24 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) DOWN SYNDROME.—The term ‘Down syn-
2 drome’ refers to a chromosomal disorder caused by
3 an error in cell division that results in the presence
4 of an extra whole or partial copy of chromosome 21.

5 “(2) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The term
6 ‘health care provider’ means any person or entity re-
7 quired by State or Federal law or regulation to be
8 licensed, registered, or certified to provide health
9 care services, and who is so licensed, registered, or
10 certified.

11 “(3) PRENATALLY DIAGNOSED CONDITION.—
12 The term ‘prenatally diagnosed condition’ means any
13 fetal health condition identified by prenatal genetic
14 testing or prenatal screening procedures.

15 “(4) PRENATAL TEST.—The term ‘prenatal
16 test’ means diagnostic or screening tests offered to
17 pregnant women seeking routine prenatal care that
18 are administered by a health care provider based on
19 medical history, family background, ethnic back-
20 ground, previous test results, or other risk factors.

21 “(5) SUPPORT.—The terms ‘support’ and ‘sup-
22 portive services’ mean services to assist parents to
23 care for, and prepare to care for, a child with Down
24 Syndrome or another prenatally diagnosed condition,

1 and to facilitate the adoption of such children as ap-
2 propriate.

3 “(b) INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.—The
4 Secretary, acting through the Director of the National In-
5 stitutes of Health, the Director of the Centers for Disease
6 Control and Prevention, or the Administrator of the
7 Health Resources and Services Administration, may au-
8 thorize and oversee certain activities, including the award-
9 ing of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, to—

10 “(1) collect, synthesize, and disseminate current
11 scientific information relating to Down syndrome or
12 other prenatally diagnosed conditions;

13 “(2) coordinate the provision of, and access to,
14 new or existing supportive services for patients re-
15 ceiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome
16 or other prenatally diagnosed conditions, including—

17 “(A) the establishment of a resource tele-
18 phone hotline and Internet Website accessible
19 to patients receiving a positive test result;

20 “(B) the establishment of national and
21 local peer-support programs; and

22 “(C) the establishment of a national reg-
23 istry, or network of local registries, of families
24 willing to adopt newborns with Down syndrome
25 or other prenatally diagnosed conditions, and

1 links to adoption agencies willing to place ba-
2 bies with Down syndrome or other prenatally
3 diagnosed conditions, with families willing to
4 adopt;

5 “(3) establish a clearinghouse of information
6 regarding the scientific facts, clinical course, life ex-
7 pectancy, and development potential relating to
8 Down syndrome or other prenatally diagnosed condi-
9 tions; and

10 “(4) establish awareness and education pro-
11 grams for health care providers who provide the re-
12 sults of prenatal tests for Down syndrome or other
13 prenatally diagnosed conditions, to patients, con-
14 sistent with the purpose described in section
15 601(a)(2)(A) of the Pregnant Women Support Act.

16 “(c) DATA COLLECTION.—

17 “(1) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—The Sec-
18 retary, acting through the Director of the Centers
19 for Disease Control and Prevention, shall provide as-
20 sistance to State and local health departments to in-
21 tegrate the results of prenatal testing into State-
22 based vital statistics and birth defects surveillance
23 programs.

24 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall ensure
25 that activities carried out under paragraph (1) are

1 sufficient to extract population-level data relating to
2 national rates and results of prenatal testing.

3 “(d) PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY PROVIDERS.—

4 Upon receipt of a positive test result from a prenatal test
5 for Down syndrome or other prenatally diagnosed condi-
6 tions performed on a patient, the health care provider in-
7 volved (or his or her designee) shall provide the patient
8 with the following:

9 “(1) Up-to-date, scientific, written information
10 concerning the life expectancy, clinical course, and
11 intellectual and functional development and treat-
12 ment options for an unborn child diagnosed with or
13 child born with Down syndrome or other prenatally
14 diagnosed conditions.

15 “(2) Referral to supportive services providers,
16 including information hotlines specific to Down syn-
17 drome or other prenatally diagnosed conditions, re-
18 source centers or clearinghouses, and other edu-
19 cation and support programs described in subsection
20 (b).

21 “(e) PRIVACY.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-
23 sections (c) and (d), nothing in this section shall be
24 construed to permit or require the collection, mainte-
25 nance, or transmission, without the health care pro-

1 vider obtaining the prior, written consent of the pa-
2 tient, of—

3 “(A) health information or data that iden-
4 tify a patient, or with respect to which there is
5 a reasonable basis to believe the information
6 could be used to identify the patient (including
7 a patient’s name, address, healthcare provider,
8 or hospital); and

9 “(B) data that are not related to the epi-
10 demiology of the condition being tested for.

11 “(2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
13 retary shall establish guidelines concerning the im-
14 plementation of paragraph (1) and subsection (d).

15 “(f) REPORTS.—

16 “(1) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later
17 than 2 years after the date of enactment of this sec-
18 tion, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary
19 shall submit a report to Congress concerning the im-
20 plementation of the guidelines described in sub-
21 section (e)(2).

22 “(2) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
23 after the date of enactment of this section, the Gov-
24 ernment Accountability Office shall submit a report
25 to Congress concerning the effectiveness of current

1 healthcare and family support programs serving as
2 resources for the families of children with disabili-
3 ties.

4 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through
7 2012.”.

8 **TITLE VII—IMPROVING SERV-**
9 **ICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN**
10 **WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMES-**
11 **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIO-**
12 **LENCE, AND STALKING**

13 **SEC. 701. FINDINGS.**

14 The Congress finds as follows:

15 (1) Pregnant and recently pregnant women are
16 more likely to be victims of homicide than to die of
17 any other causes, and evidence exists that a signifi-
18 cant proportion of all female homicide victims are
19 killed by their intimate partners.

20 (2) A 2001 study published by the Journal of
21 the American Medical Association found that mur-
22 der is the number one cause of death among preg-
23 nant women.

24 (3) Research suggests that injury-related
25 deaths, including homicide and suicide, account for

1 approximately one-third of all maternal mortality
2 cases, while medical reasons make up the rest.
3 Homicide is the leading cause of death overall for
4 pregnant women, followed by cancer, acute and
5 chronic respiratory conditions, motor vehicle colli-
6 sions and drug overdose, peripartum and
7 postpartum cardiomyopathy, and suicide.

8 **SEC. 702. PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PREGNANT WOMEN WHO**
9 **ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2008 and each
11 subsequent fiscal year, the Attorney General, through the
12 Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, may
13 award grants to States, to be used for any of the following
14 purposes:

15 (1) To assist States in providing intervention
16 services, accompaniment, and supportive social serv-
17 ices for eligible pregnant women who are victims of
18 domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

19 (2) To provide for technical assistance and
20 training (as described in subsection (c)) relating to
21 violence against eligible pregnant women to be made
22 available to the following:

23 (A) Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and
24 local governments, law enforcement agencies,
25 and courts.

1 (B) Professionals working in legal, social
2 service, and health care settings.

3 (C) Nonprofit organizations.

4 (D) Faith-based organizations.

5 (b) STATE ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant
6 under subsection (a), a State shall—

7 (1) submit to the Attorney General an applica-
8 tion in such time and manner, and containing such
9 information, as specified by the Attorney General;
10 and

11 (2) for a grant made for a fiscal year beginning
12 on or after the date that is one year after the date
13 of the enactment of this title, satisfy the require-
14 ment under section 703, relating to female homicide
15 victim determinations and death certificates.

16 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING DE-
17 SCRIBED.—For purposes of subsection (a)(2), technical
18 assistance and training is—

19 (1) the identification of eligible pregnant women
20 experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, or
21 stalking;

22 (2) the assessment of the immediate and short-
23 term safety of such a pregnant woman, the evalua-
24 tion of the impact of the violence or stalking on the
25 pregnant woman’s health, and the assistance of the

1 pregnant woman in developing a plan aimed at pre-
2 venting further domestic violence, dating violence, or
3 stalking, as appropriate;

4 (3) the maintenance of complete medical or fo-
5 rensic records that include the documentation of any
6 examination, treatment given, and referrals made,
7 recording the location and nature of the pregnant
8 woman’s injuries, and the establishment of mecha-
9 nisms to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of
10 those medical records; and

11 (4) the identification and referral of the preg-
12 nant woman to appropriate public and private non-
13 profit entities that provide intervention services, ac-
14 companiment, and supportive social services.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this title:

16 (1) ACCOMPANIMENT.—The term “accompani-
17 ment” means assisting, representing, and accom-
18 panying a woman in seeking judicial relief for child
19 support, child custody, restraining orders, and res-
20 titution for harm to persons and property, and in fil-
21 ing criminal charges, and may include the payment
22 of court costs and reasonable attorney and witness
23 fees associated therewith.

24 (2) ELIGIBLE PREGNANT WOMAN.—The term
25 “eligible pregnant woman” means any woman who is

1 pregnant on the date on which such woman becomes
2 a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or
3 stalking or who was pregnant during the one-year
4 period before such date.

5 (3) INTERVENTION SERVICES.—The term
6 “intervention services” means, with respect to do-
7 mestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, 24-hour
8 telephone hotline services for police protection and
9 referral to shelters.

10 (4) STATE.—The term “State” includes the
11 District of Columbia, any commonwealth, possession,
12 or other territory of the United States, and any In-
13 dian tribe or reservation.

14 (5) SUPPORTIVE SOCIAL SERVICES.—The term
15 “supportive social services” means transitional and
16 permanent housing, vocational counseling, and indi-
17 vidual and group counseling aimed at preventing do-
18 mestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

19 (6) VIOLENCE.—The term “violence” means ac-
20 tual violence and the risk or threat of violence.

21 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
22 purpose of making allotments under subsection (a), there
23 are authorized to be appropriated \$4,000,000 for each of
24 the fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

1 **SEC. 703. HOMICIDE DEATH CERTIFICATES OF CERTAIN FE-**
2 **MALE VICTIMS.**

3 For purposes of section 702(b)(2), the requirement
4 under this section is that not later than the date that is
5 one year after the date of the enactment of this title, a
6 State shall require, with respect to any homicide case initi-
7 ated after such one-year date and in which the victim is
8 a female of possible child-bearing age, each of the fol-
9 lowing:

10 (1) A determination of which, if any, of the fol-
11 lowing categories, described the victim:

12 (A) The victim was pregnant on the date
13 of her death.

14 (B) The victim was not pregnant on the
15 date of her death, but had been pregnant dur-
16 ing the 42-day period before such date.

17 (C) The victim was not pregnant on the
18 date of her death, but had been pregnant dur-
19 ing the period beginning on the date that was
20 one year before such date of her death and end-
21 ing on the date that was 43 days before such
22 date of her death.

23 (D) The victim was not pregnant during
24 the one-year period before the date of her
25 death.

1 (E) It could not be determined whether or
2 not the victim had been pregnant during the
3 one-year period before the date of her death.

4 (2) The determination made under paragraph
5 (1) shall be included in the death certificate of the
6 victim.

7 **TITLE VIII—PUBLIC AWARENESS**
8 **CAMPAIGN**

9 **SEC. 801. GRANTS FOR INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS**
10 **OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PREG-**
11 **NANT WOMEN IN CARRYING THEIR PREG-**
12 **NANCIES TO TERM AND TO ASSIST NEW PAR-**
13 **ENTS.**

14 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make grants to
15 States to increase public awareness of resources available
16 to pregnant women to carry their pregnancy to term and
17 to new parents.

18 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may make a
19 grant to a State under this section only if the State agrees
20 to use the grant for the following:

21 (1) Identification of resources available to assist
22 pregnant women to carry their pregnancy to term or
23 to assist new parents, or both.

24 (2) Conducting an advertising campaign to in-
25 crease public awareness of such resources.

1 (3) Establishing and maintaining a toll-free
2 telephone line to direct people to—

3 (A) organizations that provide support
4 services for pregnant women to carry their
5 pregnancy to term;

6 (B) adoption centers; and

7 (C) organizations that provide support
8 services to new parents.

9 (c) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary shall prohibit each
10 State receiving a grant under this section from using the
11 grant to direct people to an organization or adoption cen-
12 ter that is for-profit.

13 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCES.—The Secretary
14 shall require each State receiving a grant under this sec-
15 tion to make publicly available by means of the Internet
16 (electronic and paper form) a list of the following:

17 (1) The resources identified pursuant to sub-
18 section (b)(1).

19 (2) The organizations and adoption centers to
20 which people are directed pursuant to an advertising
21 campaign or telephone line funded under this sec-
22 tion.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The Sec-
24 retary shall make such funds available as may be nec-
25 essary to carry out the activities of this section.

1 **TITLE IX—SUPPORT FOR PREG-**
2 **NANT AND PARENTING STU-**
3 **DENTS**

4 **SEC. 901. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

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

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

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

18 **SEC. 902. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this title:

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

1 and operate upon the receipt of a grant under this
2 title, a pregnant and parenting student services of-
3 fice described in section 906.

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. 903. PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT SERVICES**
10 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

11 From amounts appropriated under section 908 for a
12 fiscal year, the Secretary shall establish a pilot program
13 to 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 906.

17 **SEC. 904. APPLICATION; NUMBER OF GRANTS.**

18 (a) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution of higher
19 education that desires to receive a grant under this title
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 908, the Secretary shall
5 award grants under this title to no more than 200 eligible
6 institutions.

7 **SEC. 905. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

8 An eligible institution of higher education that re-
9 ceives a grant under this title 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. 906. USE OF FUNDS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution of higher
17 education that receives a grant under this title 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) Maternity and baby clothing, baby
24 food (including formula), baby furniture, and
25 similar items to assist parents and prospective

1 parents in meeting the material needs of their
2 children.

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
12 and their spouses in locating and obtaining services
13 that meet the needs 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 title may choose to provide access to such programs and
7 activities to a pregnant or parenting employee of the eligi-
8 ble institution, and the employee’s spouse.

9 **SEC. 907. 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 title, 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 title, 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 906(a)(2)

1 of 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 title, 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 student services office receiv-
24 ing funds under this title, to the appropriate committees
25 of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 908. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this title no more than \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal
4 years 2008 through 2012.

5 **TITLE X—SUPPORT FOR PREG-**
6 **NANT AND PARENTING TEENS**

7 **SEC. 1001. GRANTS TO STATES.**

8 The Secretary shall make grants to States to allow
9 early childhood education programs, including Head Start,
10 to work with pregnant or parenting teens to complete high
11 school and prepare for college or for vocational education.

12 **TITLE XI—FEDERALLY-FUNDED**
13 **HOMES FOR PREGNANT AND**
14 **PARENTING WOMEN; ADOPT-**
15 **ION COUNSELING; PAR-**
16 **ENTING SKILLS**

17 **SEC. 1101. COUNSELING REQUIREMENTS.**

18 With respect to any program of grants that is admin-
19 istered by the Secretary and whose purposes include pro-
20 viding funds for group homes for pregnant and parenting
21 women, the Secretary shall require as a condition of mak-
22 ing such grants that the entities operating the group
23 homes provide to such women, upon request—

24 (1) adoption counseling; and

25 (2) counseling on parenting skills.

1 **TITLE XII—EXPANSION OF ADOPT-**
2 **ION CREDIT AND ADOPTION**
3 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

4 **SEC. 1201. EXPANSION OF ADOPTION CREDIT AND ADOPT-**
5 **ION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMITATION.—

7 (1) ADOPTION CREDIT.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of sec-
9 tion 23(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of
10 1986 (relating to dollar limitation) is amended
11 by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$15,000”.

12 (B) CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—Para-
13 graph (3) of section 23(a) of such Code (relat-
14 ing to \$10,000 credit for adoption of child with
15 special needs regardless of expenses) is amend-
16 ed—

17 (i) in the text by striking “\$10,000”
18 and inserting “\$15,000”, and

19 (ii) in the heading by striking
20 “\$10,000” and inserting “\$15,000”.

21 (C) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO INFLA-
22 TION ADJUSTMENT.—Subsection (h) of section
23 23 of such Code (relating to adjustments for in-
24 flation) is amended to read as follows:

25 “(h) ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.—

1 “(1) DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.—In the case of a
2 taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008,
3 each of the dollar amounts in subsections (a)(3) and
4 (b)(1) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

5 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

6 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
7 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
8 year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
9 mined by substituting ‘calendar year 2007’ for
10 ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B)
11 thereof.

12 If any amount as increased under the preceding sen-
13 tence is not a multiple of \$10, such amount shall be
14 rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.

15 “(2) INCOME LIMITATION.—In the case of a
16 taxable year beginning after December 31, 2002, the
17 dollar amount in subsection (b)(2)(A)(i) shall be in-
18 creased by an amount equal to—

19 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

20 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
21 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
22 year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
23 mined by substituting ‘calendar year 2001’ for
24 ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B)
25 thereof.

1 If any amount as increased under the preceding sen-
2 tence is not a multiple of \$10, such amount shall be
3 rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.”.

4 (2) ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of sec-
6 tion 137(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of
7 1986 (relating to dollar limitation) is amended
8 by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$15,000”.

9 (B) CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—Para-
10 graph (2) of section 137(a) of such Code (relat-
11 ing to \$10,000 exclusion for adoption of child
12 with special needs regardless of expenses) is
13 amended—

14 (i) in the text by striking “\$10,000”
15 and inserting “\$15,000”, and

16 (ii) in the heading by striking
17 “\$10,000” and inserting “\$15,000”.

18 (C) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO INFLA-
19 TION ADJUSTMENT.—Subsection (f) of section
20 137 of such Code (relating to adjustments for
21 inflation) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(f) ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.—

23 “(1) DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.—In the case of a
24 taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008,

1 each of the dollar amounts in subsections (a)(2) and
2 (b)(1) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

3 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

4 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
5 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
6 year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
7 mined by substituting ‘calendar year 2007’ for
8 ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B)
9 thereof.

10 If any amount as increased under the preceding sen-
11 tence is not a multiple of \$10, such amount shall be
12 rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.

13 “(2) INCOME LIMITATION.—In the case of a
14 taxable year beginning after December 31, 2002, the
15 dollar amount in subsection (b)(2)(A) shall be in-
16 creased by an amount equal to—

17 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

18 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
19 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
20 year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
21 mined by substituting ‘calendar year 2001’ for
22 ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph thereof.

23 If any amount as increased under the preceding sen-
24 tence is not a multiple of \$10, such amount shall be
25 rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.”.

1 (b) CREDIT MADE REFUNDABLE.—

2 (1) CREDIT MOVED TO SUBPART RELATING TO
3 REFUNDABLE CREDITS.—The Internal Revenue
4 Code of 1986 is amended—

5 (A) by redesignating section 36 as section
6 37,

7 (B) by redesignating section 23, as amend-
8 ed by subsection (a), as section 36, and

9 (C) by moving section 36 (as so redesign-
10 nated) from subpart A of part IV of subchapter
11 A of chapter 1 to the location immediately be-
12 fore section 37 (as so redesignated) in subpart
13 C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1.

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (A) Section 24(b)(3)(B) of such Code is
16 amended by striking “sections 23 and” and in-
17 serting “section”.

18 (B) Section 25(e)(1)(C) of such Code is
19 amended—

20 (i) in clause (i) by striking “23,
21 25D,” and inserting “25D”, and

22 (ii) in clause (ii) by striking “23,”.

23 (C) Section 25B(g)(2) of such Code is
24 amended by striking “and section 23”.

1 (D) Section 25D(c)(2) of such Code is
2 amended by striking “23, 24,” and inserting
3 “24”.

4 (E) Section 26(a)(1) of such Code is
5 amended by striking “23, 24” and inserting
6 “24”.

7 (F) Section 36 of such Code, as so redesign-
8 nated, is amended—

9 (i) by striking paragraph (4) of sub-
10 section (b), and

11 (ii) by striking subsection (c).

12 (G) Section 137 of such Code is amend-
13 ed—

14 (i) in subsection (d) by striking “sec-
15 tion 23(d)” and inserting “section 36(d)”,
16 and

17 (ii) in subsection (e) by striking “sec-
18 tion 23” and inserting “section 36”.

19 (H) Section 904(i) of such Code is amend-
20 ed by striking “23, 24,” and inserting “24”.

21 (I) Section 1016(a)(26) is amended by
22 striking “23(g)” and inserting “36(g)”.

23 (J) Section 1400C(d) of such Code is
24 amended by striking “23, 24,” and inserting
25 “24”.

1 (K) The table of sections for subpart A of
 2 part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such
 3 Code of 1986 is amended by striking the item
 4 relating to section 23.

5 (L) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of
 6 title 31, United States Code, is amended by in-
 7 serting “or 36” after “section 35”.

8 (M) The table of sections for subpart C of
 9 part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the In-
 10 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
 11 striking the last item and inserting the fol-
 12 lowing new items:

“Sec. 36. Adoption expenses.

“Sec. 37. Overpayments of tax.”.

13 (c) MODIFICATIONS MADE BY EGTRRA TO ADOP-
 14 TION CREDIT MADE PERMANENT.—Title IX of the Eco-
 15 nomic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001
 16 shall not apply to the amendments made by section 202
 17 of such Act.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 20 December 31, 2007.

21 **TITLE XIII—PROVIDING**
 22 **SUPPORT TO NEW PARENTS**

23 **SEC. 1301. INCREASED SUPPORT FOR WIC PROGRAM.**

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

1 (1) The special supplemental nutrition program
2 for women, infants, and children (WIC) authorized
3 in the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786)
4 serves over 8,000,000 women, infants, and children.

5 (2) Half of all infants in the United States and
6 1 in 4 young children under age 5 get crucial health
7 and nutrition benefits from the WIC Program.

8 (3) It is estimated that every dollar spent on
9 WIC results in between \$1.92 and \$4.21 in Medicaid
10 savings for newborns and their mothers.

11 (4) The WIC program has been proven to in-
12 crease the number of women receiving prenatal care,
13 reduce the incidence of low birth weight and fetal
14 mortality, reduce anemia, and enhance the nutri-
15 tional quality of the diet of mothers and children.

16 (5) The WIC program's essential, effective nu-
17 trition services include nutrition assessment, coun-
18 seling and education, obesity prevention,
19 breastfeeding support and promotion, prenatal and
20 pediatric health care referrals and follow-up, spousal
21 and child abuse referral, drug and alcohol abuse re-
22 ferral, immunization screening, assessment and re-
23 ferral, and a host of other services for mothers and
24 children.

1 (6) One in 10 people eligible to participate in
2 the WIC program are unable to receive WIC serv-
3 ices.

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
5 purpose of carrying out the special supplemental nutrition
6 program for women, infants, and children (WIC) (42
7 U.S.C. 1786), there is authorized to be appropriated
8 \$5,388,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, of which there is au-
9 thorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for breast-feed-
10 ing peer counselors and \$14,000,000 for infrastructure
11 needs.

12 **SEC. 1302. NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOW-INCOME PAR-**
13 **ENTS.**

14 Section 5(c)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
15 U.S.C. 2014(c)(2)) is amended by striking “30 per cen-
16 tum” and inserting “85 percent”.

17 **SEC. 1303. INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE CHILD CARE AND**
18 **DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
20 658B of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act
21 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858) is amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 658B. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
24 this subchapter \$2,350,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and

1 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009
2 through 2012.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
4 658E(c)(3)(D) of the Child Care and Development Block
5 Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(c)(3)(D)) is amended
6 by striking “1997 through 2002” and inserting “2008
7 through 2012”.

8 **SEC. 1304. TEENAGE OR FIRST-TIME MOTHERS; FREE HOME**
9 **VISITS BY REGISTERED NURSES FOR EDU-**
10 **CATION ON HEALTH NEEDS OF INFANTS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
12 to local health departments to provide to eligible mothers,
13 without charge, education on the health needs of their in-
14 fants through visits to their homes by registered nurses.

15 (b) ELIGIBLE MOTHER.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection

17 (a), a woman is an eligible mother if, subject to
18 paragraph (2), the woman—

19 (A) is the mother of an infant who is not
20 more than 12 months of age; and

21 (B)(i) the woman was under the age of 20
22 at the time of birth; or

23 (ii) the infant referred to in subparagraph

24 (A) is the first child of the woman.

1 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN
2 MOTHERS.—In the case of a woman described in
3 paragraph (1)(B)(ii) who is 20 years of age or older,
4 the woman is an eligible mother for purposes of sub-
5 section (a) only if the woman meets such standards
6 in addition to the applicable standards under para-
7 graph (1) as the local health department involved
8 determines to be appropriate.

9 (c) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—A grant may be
10 made under subsection (a) only if the applicant involved
11 agrees as follows:

12 (1) The program carried out under such sub-
13 section by the applicant will be designed to instill in
14 eligible mothers confidence in their abilities to pro-
15 vide for the health needs of their newborns, includ-
16 ing through—

17 (A) providing information on child develop-
18 ment; and

19 (B) soliciting questions from the mothers.

20 (2) The registered nurses who make home visits
21 under subsection (a) will, as needed, provide refer-
22 rals for health and social services to serve the needs
23 of the newborns.

1 (3) The period during which the visits will be
2 available to an eligible mother will not be fewer than
3 six months.

4 (4) An eligible mother will not receive more
5 than one visit each month during the period in
6 which such visits are available to the woman.

7 (d) AUTHORIZED SERVICES.—

8 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—A grant may be made
9 under subsection (a) only if the applicant involved
10 agrees that the following services will be provided by
11 registered nurses in home visits under subsection
12 (a):

13 (A) Information on child health and devel-
14 opment, including suggestions for child-develop-
15 mental activities that are enjoyable for parents
16 and children.

17 (B) Advice on parenting, including infor-
18 mation on how to develop a strong parent-child
19 relationship.

20 (C) Information on resources about par-
21 enting, including identifying books and videos
22 that are available at local libraries.

23 (D) Information on upcoming parenting
24 workshops in the local region.

1 (E) Information on programs that facili-
2 tate parent-to-parent support services.

3 (F) In the case of an eligible mother who
4 is a student, information on resources that may
5 assist the mother in completing the educational
6 courses involved.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL SERVICES.—A grant under
8 subsection (a) may be expended to provide services
9 during home visits under such subsection in addition
10 to the services specified in paragraph (1).

11 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
12 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
13 to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

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