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To make grants to carry out activities to prevent teen pregnancy in racial or ethnic minority or immigrant communities, and for other purposes.

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Ms. SOLIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Communities of Color
5 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY-BASED AND SCHOOL-BASED INTER-**
7 **VENTION PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION PRO-
9 GRAMS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
3 retary”) shall make grants to public and nonprofit
4 private entities for the purpose of carrying out
5 projects to prevent teen pregnancies in racial or eth-
6 nic minority or immigrant communities with a sub-
7 stantial incidence or prevalence of cases of teen
8 pregnancy as compared to the average number of
9 such cases in communities in the State involved (re-
10 ferred to in this Act as “eligible communities”).

11 (2) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PURPOSE OF
12 GRANTS.—A grant may be made under paragraph
13 (1) only if, with respect to the expenditure of the
14 grant to carry out the purpose described in such
15 paragraph, the applicant involved agrees to use one
16 or more of the following strategies:

17 (A) Promote effective communication
18 among families about preventing teen preg-
19 nancy, particularly communication among par-
20 ents or guardians and their children.

21 (B) Educate community members about
22 the consequences of teen pregnancy.

23 (C) Encourage young people to postpone
24 sexual activity and prepare for a healthy, suc-
25 cessful adulthood, including by teaching them

1 skills to avoid unwanted verbal, physical, and
2 sexual advances.

3 (D) Provide educational information, in-
4 cluding medically accurate contraceptive infor-
5 mation, for young people in such communities
6 who are already sexually active or are at risk of
7 becoming sexually active and inform young peo-
8 ple in such communities about the responsibil-
9 ities and consequences of being a parent, and
10 how early pregnancy and parenthood can inter-
11 fere with educational and other goals.

12 (3) UTILIZING EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES.—A
13 grant may be made under paragraph (1) only if the
14 applicant involved agrees that, in carrying out the
15 purpose described in such paragraph, the applicant
16 will, whenever possible, use strategies that have been
17 demonstrated to be effective, or that incorporate
18 characteristics of effective programs.

19 (b) SCHOOL-BASED PROJECTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
21 grants to public and nonprofit private entities for
22 the purpose of establishing and operating for eligible
23 communities, in association with public secondary
24 schools for such communities, projects for one or
25 more of the following:

1 (A) To carry out activities, including coun-
2 seling, to prevent teen pregnancy.

3 (B) To provide necessary social and cul-
4 tural support services regarding teen preg-
5 nancy.

6 (C) To provide health and educational
7 services related to the prevention of teen preg-
8 nancy.

9 (D) To promote better health and edu-
10 cational outcomes among pregnant teens.

11 (E) To provide training for individuals who
12 plan to work in school-based support programs
13 regarding the prevention of teen pregnancy.

14 (2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under para-
15 graph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to pro-
16 viding for projects under such paragraph in eligible
17 communities.

18 (3) REQUIRED COALITION.—A grant may be
19 made under paragraph (1) only if the applicant in-
20 volved has formed an appropriate coalition of enti-
21 ties for purposes of carrying out a project under
22 such paragraph, including—

23 (A) one or more public secondary schools
24 for the eligible community involved; and

1 (B) entities to provide the services of the
2 project.

3 (4) TRAINING.—A grant under paragraph (1)
4 may be expended to train individuals to provide the
5 services described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
6 such paragraph for the project involved.

7 (c) REPORTING AND EVALUATION.—

8 (1) REPORT.—A grant may be made under sub-
9 section (a) or (b) only if the applicant involved
10 agrees to submit to the Secretary, in accordance
11 with the criteria of the Secretary, a report that pro-
12 vides information on the project under such sub-
13 section, including project outcomes and increased
14 education and awareness about the prevention of
15 teen pregnancy. The Secretary shall make such re-
16 ports available to the public.

17 (2) EVALUATIONS.—Not later than 12 months
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
19 retary shall, directly or through contract, provide for
20 evaluations of at least 10 percent or not less than
21 6 projects carried out with grants under each of sub-
22 sections (a) and (b). Each such evaluation shall de-
23 scribe—

24 (A) the activities carried out with the
25 grant; and

1 (B) the extent to which the activities were
2 effective in changing attitudes and behavior to
3 achieve the project strategies consistent with—

4 (i) subsection (a)(2) for grants under
5 subsection (a); or

6 (ii) subsection (b)(1) for grants under
7 subsection (b).

8 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (1) COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION PRO-
10 GRAMS.—For the purpose of carrying out subsection
11 (a), there is authorized to be appropriated
12 \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008
13 through 2012.

14 (2) SCHOOL-BASED PROJECTS.—For the pur-
15 pose of carrying out subsection (b), there is author-
16 ized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of the
17 fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

18 (3) EVALUATIONS.—Of the total amount appro-
19 priated to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the
20 Secretary shall reserve 10 percent of such amount to
21 carry out subsection (c)(2).

22 **SEC. 3. MULTIMEDIA CAMPAIGNS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
24 to public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose of
25 carrying out multimedia campaigns to provide public edu-

1 cation and increase awareness with respect to the issue
2 of teen pregnancy and related social and emotional issues.

3 (b) PRIORITY.—In making grants under subsection
4 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to campaigns de-
5 scribed in such subsection that are directed toward eligible
6 communities.

7 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—A grant may be made under
8 subsection (a) only if the applicant involved agrees that
9 the multimedia campaign under such subsection will—

10 (1) provide information on the prevention of
11 teen pregnancy;

12 (2) provide information that identifies organiza-
13 tions in the communities involved that—

14 (A) provide health and educational services
15 related to the prevention of teen pregnancy; and

16 (B) provide necessary social and cultural
17 support services; and

18 (3) coincide with efforts of the National Clear-
19 inghouse for Teen Pregnancy Prevention that are
20 made under section 4(b)(1).

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
22 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
23 to be appropriated \$6,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
24 2008 through 2012.

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
3 to a nonprofit private entity to establish and operate a
4 National Clearinghouse for Teen Pregnancy Prevention
5 (referred to in this section as the “Clearinghouse”) for the
6 purposes described in subsection (b).

7 (b) PURPOSES OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—The purposes
8 referred to in subsection (a) regarding the Clearinghouse
9 are as follows:

10 (1) To provide information and technical assist-
11 ance to States, Indian tribes, local communities, and
12 other public or private entities to develop content
13 and messages for teens and adults that address and
14 seek to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy.

15 (2) To support parents in their essential role in
16 preventing teen pregnancy by equipping parents with
17 information and resources to promote and strength-
18 en communication with their children about sex, val-
19 ues, and positive relationships, including healthy re-
20 lationships.

21 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTEE.—A grant may be
22 made under subsection (a) only if the applicant involved
23 is an organization that meets the following conditions:

24 (1) The organization is a nationally recognized,
25 nonpartisan organization that has at least 10 years
26 of experience focusing exclusively on preventing teen

1 pregnancy and working with diverse groups to re-
2 duce the rate of teen pregnancy.

3 (2) The organization has a demonstrated ability
4 to work with and provide assistance to a broad
5 range of individuals and entities, including teens;
6 parents; the entertainment and news media; State,
7 tribal, and local organizations; networks of teen
8 pregnancy prevention practitioners; businesses; faith
9 and community leaders; and researchers.

10 (3) The organization has experience in the use
11 of culturally competent and linguistically appropriate
12 methods to address teen pregnancy in eligible com-
13 munities.

14 (4) The organization conducts or supports re-
15 search and has experience with scientific analyses
16 and evaluations.

17 (5) The organization has comprehensive knowl-
18 edge and data about strategies for the prevention of
19 teen pregnancy.

20 (6) The organization has experience in carrying
21 out functions similar to the functions described in
22 subsection (b).

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
24 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized

1 to be appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of the fiscal years
2 2008 through 2012.

3 **SEC. 5. RESEARCH.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
5 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
6 tion, shall make grants to public or nonprofit private enti-
7 ties to conduct, support, and coordinate research on the
8 prevention of teen pregnancy in eligible communities, in-
9 cluding research on the factors contributing to the dis-
10 proportionate rates of teen pregnancy in such communities
11 and research-based strategies for addressing such dispari-
12 ties.

13 (b) RESEARCH.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
14 Secretary shall support research that—

15 (1) investigates the incidence and prevalence of
16 teen pregnancy in communities described in such
17 subsection;

18 (2) examines—

19 (A) the relationships between teen preg-
20 nancy and one or more of—

21 (i) the mental and physical health and
22 well-being of teenagers in the communities;

23 (ii) the scholastic achievement of such
24 teenagers;

1 (iii) family structure and communica-
2 tion; and

3 (iv) other factors contributing to dis-
4 proportionate rates of teen pregnancy in
5 such communities;

6 (B) the variance in the rates of teen preg-
7 nancy by—

8 (i) location (such as inner cities, inner
9 suburbs, outer suburbs, and rural areas);

10 (ii) population subgroup (such as His-
11 panic, Asian-Pacific Islander, African-
12 American, and Native American);

13 (iii) level of acculturation; and

14 (iv) socioeconomic status (such as in-
15 come, educational attainment of the par-
16 ents of the teenager, and school attendance
17 of the teenager);

18 (C) the importance of the physical and so-
19 cial environment as a factor in placing commu-
20 nities at risk of increased rates of teen preg-
21 nancy; and

22 (D) the importance of aspirations and mo-
23 tivations as factors affecting young people's risk
24 of teen pregnancy;

1 (3) is used to propose or identify additional
2 strategies that will address the disproportionate
3 rates of teen pregnancy in such communities; and

4 (4) wherever possible, includes efforts to link
5 the measures to relevant databases, including health
6 databases.

7 (c) PRIORITY.—In making grants under subsection
8 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to research that incor-
9 porates—

10 (1) interdisciplinary approaches; or

11 (2) a strong emphasis on community-based
12 participatory research.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
14 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
15 to be appropriated \$7,500,000 for each of the fiscal years
16 2008 through 2012.

17 **SEC. 6. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

18 (a) MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION.—A grant
19 may be made under this Act only if the applicant involved
20 agrees that all information provided pursuant to the grant
21 will be age-appropriate, factually and medically accurate
22 and complete, and scientifically based.

23 (b) CULTURAL CONTEXT OF SERVICES.—A grant
24 may be made under this Act only if the applicant involved
25 agrees that information, activities, and services under the

1 grant that are directed toward a particular population
2 group will be provided in the language and cultural context
3 that is most appropriate for individuals in such group.

4 (c) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
5 made under this Act only if an application for the grant
6 is submitted to the Secretary and the application is in
7 such form, is made in such manner, and contains such
8 agreements, assurances, and information as the Secretary
9 determines to be necessary to carry out the program in-
10 volved.

11 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

12 For purposes of this Act:

13 (1) The term “eligible community” has the
14 meaning indicated for such term in section 2(a)(1).

15 (2) The term “racial or ethnic minority or im-
16 migrant communities” means communities with a
17 substantial number of residents who are members of
18 racial or ethnic minority groups or who are immi-
19 grants.

20 (3) The term “Secretary” has the meaning in-
21 dicated for such term in section 2(a)(1).

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