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To reauthorize the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, in the wake of its Centennial, and its programs and activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 22, 2009

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BURRIS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JANUARY 28, 2010

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

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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 “Boys & Girls Clubs
5 Centennial Reauthorization Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA.**

2 Section 401 of the Economic Espionage Act of 1966
3 (42 U.S.C. 13751 note) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (1)
5 and inserting the following:

6 “(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

7 “(A) for over 100 years, the Boys & Girls
8 Clubs of America, a national organization char-
9 tered by an Act of Congress, has proven itself
10 as a positive force in the communities it serves;

11 “(B) Boys & Girls Clubs and the programs
12 and services implemented therein by over
13 50,000 professional staff, and 194,000 volun-
14 teers promote and enhance the development of
15 boys and girls by instilling a sense of com-
16 petence, usefulness, belonging and influence
17 thereby making Boys & Girls Clubs a safe place
18 to learn and grow;

19 “(C) the purpose of the program estab-
20 lished by this section has been to provide ade-
21 quate resources in the form of seed money for
22 the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to assist
23 local communities to form partnerships in a col-
24 laborative manor so education, youth develop-
25 ment and prevention programs could be avail-
26 able for the youth in those communities;

1 “(D) in 1990 there were 1,810 Boys and
2 Girls Clubs facilities throughout the United
3 States, Puerto Rico, and the United States Vir-
4 gin Islands, serving 2,400,000 youths nation-
5 wide;

6 “(E) due to the public investment via the
7 program established pursuant to this section,
8 resulting congressional appropriations, and pri-
9 vate partnership support, there are now 4,387
10 Boys & Girls Clubs facilities throughout the
11 United States, Puerto Rico, and the United
12 States Virgin Islands, serving 4,500,000 youths
13 nationwide;

14 “(F) with the assistance of the Federal
15 Government, local communities have collabo-
16 rated to establish and operate the Clubs in
17 schools, parks, parks and recreation facilities,
18 libraries, and community centers;

19 “(G) these new partnerships have resulted
20 in 33 percent of the Boys & Girls Clubs located
21 in or on school campuses where Club programs
22 enhance and enrich the learning opportunities
23 for youth;

24 “(H) the growth of Boys & Girls Clubs
25 also includes an increase in Clubs located in

1 public housing sites across the Nation, having
2 grown from 289 in 1990 to 440 in 2009;

3 “(I) the growth of Boys and Girls Clubs
4 also includes the growth of Boys & Girls Clubs
5 on Native American land, having grown from 0
6 in 1990 to 225 in 2009 serving 140,000 Native
7 American youth;

8 “(J) investment in our school partnerships
9 has positively impacted graduation rates as
10 demonstrated in recent survey of Clubs con-
11 ducted by BGCA’s CareerLaunch career prepa-
12 ration program, in which 96.68 percent of par-
13 ticipants progressed successfully to the next
14 grade level at the end of the 2008–2009 school
15 year;

16 “(K) public housing projects and Native
17 American land in which there is an active Boys
18 and Girls Club have experienced a reduction in
19 the presence of crack cocaine, and a reduction
20 in juvenile crime and gang violence;

21 “(L) Boys & Girls Clubs are locally run
22 and have been exceptionally successful in bal-
23 ancing public funds with private sector dona-
24 tions and maximizing community involvement
25 as evidenced by collaborations and partnerships

1 with schools, cities, counties, Sea Research,
2 other youth providers such as Big Brothers Big
3 Sisters, Police Athletic League (PAL), Cal
4 Ripken Sr. Foundation, Boy Scouts, Girl
5 Scouts, 4-H, and public libraries; and

6 “(M) further investment in Boys & Girls
7 Clubs, which celebrated 100 years of service in
8 2006 will—

9 “(i) inure to our collective national
10 benefit;

11 “(ii) continue to assist in the effort to
12 reduce crime and drug use among our Na-
13 tion’s youth by teaching young people how
14 to avoid gangs, resist alcohol, tobacco, and
15 other drug use;

16 “(iii) continue to assist in improving
17 educational opportunities and create cen-
18 ters of learning in and with schools thereby
19 reducing the drop out rate and helping to
20 improve the economy (if the national male
21 graduation rate were increased by only 5
22 percent, the Nation would see an annual
23 savings of \$4,900,000,00 in crime related
24 costs);

1 “(iv) continue in the efforts of reduc-
2 ing childhood obesity by teaching young
3 people about the benefits of healthy habits
4 such as eating right and being physically
5 active;

6 “(v) continue to serve youth in rural
7 communities including Native American
8 land, by engaging and creating partner-
9 ships in those communities;

10 “(vi) continue to serve youth in urban
11 and suburban communities including Pub-
12 lic Housing by engaging and creating part-
13 nerships in those communities;

14 “(vii) continue to provide outdoor and
15 environmental education programs for kids
16 that would otherwise not have those edu-
17 cational and enriching opportunities;

18 “(viii) continue to develop job training
19 programs for teens; and

20 “(ix) better equip communities to con-
21 tinue to sustain and improve the quality of
22 these programs through effective use of ex-
23 isting resources, merging operations, and
24 working collaboratively within communities

1 to provide the highest quality programs for
2 the youth in the Boys & Girls Clubs.”;

3 (2) in subsection (c)(1)—

4 (A) by striking “2006, 2007, 2008, 2009,
5 and 2010” and inserting “2011, 2012, 2013,
6 2014, and 2015”; and

7 (B) by striking “establishing and extend-
8 ing Boys & Girls Clubs facilities where needed,
9 with particular emphasis placed on establishing
10 clubs in and extending services to public hous-
11 ing projects and distressed areas” and inserting
12 “improving the quality of youth development
13 and educational programs, health, physical fit-
14 ness, and prevention services for youth at exist-
15 ing and new Boys & Girls Clubs facilities with
16 special emphasis on reducing high school drop
17 out rates”;

18 (3) in subsection(c)(2)—

19 (A) by striking subparagraphs (A) and
20 (B); and

21 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
22 and (D) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
23 tively; and

24 (4) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
3 appropriated to carry out this section—

4 “(A) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

5 “(B) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

6 “(C) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

7 “(D) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2014;

8 and

9 “(E) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.”.

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