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S. 2491

To amend the Head Start Act by establishing grants for Head Start programs in communities affected by toxic pollutants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) 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 “Children’s Head Start
5 Intervention for Life and Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR HEAD START PROGRAMS IN COMMU-**
7 **NITIES AFFECTED BY TOXIC POLLUTANTS.**

8 The Head Start Act is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 657C (42 U.S.C.
2 9852c) as section 657D; and

3 (2) by inserting after section 657B (42 U.S.C.
4 9852b) the following:

5 **“SEC. 657C. GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY TOXIC**
6 **POLLUTANTS.**

7 “(a) GRANTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of law, the Secretary may award grants to
10 eligible entities to carry out Head Start (including
11 Early Head Start) programs in communities affected
12 by water polluted by lead or a toxic pollutant as the
13 result of an event for which the President has de-
14 clared an emergency. The Secretary may award the
15 grants for a single period of not more than 5 years,
16 and may not renew the grants.

17 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18 “(A) EMERGENCY.—The term ‘emergency’
19 has the meaning given the term in section 102
20 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
21 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

22 “(B) TOXIC POLLUTANT.—The term ‘toxic
23 pollutant’ has the meaning given the term in
24 section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution
25 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362).

1 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY; PRIORITY.—

2 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—To be eligible to re-
 3 ceive a grant under this section, an entity shall meet
 4 the requirements to be designated as a Head Start
 5 agency under section 641 or the requirements to be
 6 eligible to provide an Early Head Start program
 7 under 645A(d), as the case may be.

8 “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
 9 section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible
 10 entities in partnerships with child care providers who
 11 are providing child care services on the date of en-
 12 actment of the Children’s Head Start Intervention
 13 for Life and Development Act.

14 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives a grant
 15 under this section shall use the grant funds to carry out
 16 a Head Start (which may be an Early Head Start) pro-
 17 gram in accordance with this subchapter in a community
 18 described in subsection (a).

19 “(d) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The
 20 Secretary may use funds provided under this section—

21 “(1) to provide intensive training and technical
 22 assistance to the operators and staff of Head Start
 23 programs funded under this section, to address the
 24 behavioral and other needs of the children served
 25 through those programs; and

1 “(2) to pay for the administrative costs of car-
2 rying out this section.

3 “(e) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
4 be construed to make any entity eligible for designation
5 or a designation renewal under section 641.

6 “(f) REFERENCES.—The Secretary shall issue guid-
7 ance clarifying when a reference in this subchapter to ‘this
8 subchapter’, used in conjunction with an amount, shall be
9 considered to include an amount made available under this
10 section.

11 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
13 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2022.”.

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