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To provide grants for demonstration projects to coordinate the administration of services to needy families with children.

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

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## A BILL

To provide grants for demonstration projects to coordinate the administration of services to needy families with children.

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 “Family Service Center  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO COORDINATE THE**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICES TO NEEDY**  
3 **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to coordinate the admin-  
5 istration of programs that provide services to needy fami-  
6 lies with children, the Secretary of Health and Human  
7 Services (in this section referred to as “the Secretary”)  
8 may authorize States to conduct demonstration projects  
9 in accordance with this section.

10 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT.—Each State desiring  
11 to conduct a demonstration project under this section may  
12 submit to the Secretary an application that contains a de-  
13 scription of the measures to be employed to coordinate the  
14 administration of—

15 (1) programs for needy families with children  
16 that are administered by the Secretary; and

17 (2) programs administered by the State, which  
18 offer services for children, youth, or needy families  
19 with children, that the State considers appropriate  
20 to include in the demonstration project.

21 (c) PROJECTS AIMED AT A DIVERSITY OF CLI-  
22 ENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure that, as a group, the  
23 demonstration projects authorized to be conducted under  
24 this section serve urban, rural, and linguistically and cul-  
25 turally diverse clients and include the broadest possible  
26 range of services.

1 (d) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—Each State author-  
2 ized to conduct a demonstration project under this section  
3 shall—

4 (1) ensure that the project provides—

5 (A) each client with a single place and or-  
6 ganization providing access to, and information  
7 and counseling about, services for needy fami-  
8 lies with children;

9 (B) access points in clients' neighborhoods  
10 for communication with service providers re-  
11 garding their applications and benefits through  
12 electronic data processing and communications  
13 technology; and

14 (C) approaches to integrating the adminis-  
15 tration of services that are linguistically and  
16 culturally appropriate to the clientele of the  
17 project; and

18 (2) conduct the project in accordance with such  
19 other requirements as the Secretary may prescribe.

20 (e) GRANTS; DURATION OF PROJECTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make  
22 grants to each State whose application to conduct a  
23 demonstration project under this subsection is ap-  
24 proved by the Secretary, to assist the State in carry-

1 ing out the project for a period of not more than 3  
2 years.

3 (2) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may extend for  
4 not more than 3 additional years the authority to  
5 conduct any demonstration project under this sec-  
6 tion, upon approval by the Secretary based on the  
7 effectiveness of the project in achieving the objec-  
8 tives of this section.

9 (3) TIMING OF GRANT PAYMENTS.—The Sec-  
10 retary may pay grants under this section in advance  
11 or in installments, as the Secretary determines ap-  
12 propriate.

13 (f) STATE EVALUATION OF PROJECT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State that conducts a  
15 demonstration project under this section shall, as a  
16 part of the project—

17 (A) conduct an evaluation of the effective-  
18 ness and outcomes of the project in improving  
19 the coordination and delivery, and in reducing  
20 the administrative costs, of services to needy  
21 families with children; and

22 (B) cooperate with the Secretary in the  
23 conduct of national evaluations of the effective-  
24 ness and cost savings of all such demonstration  
25 projects.

1 (2) REPORT.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each State authorized  
3 to conduct a demonstration project under this  
4 section shall submit to the Secretary a report  
5 on the results of the evaluation described in  
6 paragraph (1).

7 (B) TIMING.—The report required by sub-  
8 paragraph (A) with respect to a demonstration  
9 project shall be submitted within 6 months  
10 after the earlier of—

11 (i) the completion of the project; or

12 (ii) the end of the 3-year period that  
13 begins with the commencement of the  
14 project.

15 (g) STATE REPORT ON IMPEDIMENTS TO DELIVERY  
16 OF SERVICES, AND ON MEASURES TAKEN TO ELIMINATE  
17 OR REDUCE SUCH IMPEDIMENTS.—Each State authorized  
18 to conduct a demonstration project under this section shall  
19 submit to the Secretary at such time as the Secretary may  
20 prescribe a report that describes—

21 (1) the administrative policies and laws of the  
22 Federal Government and of the State or of a politi-  
23 cal subdivision of the State, that the State has iden-  
24 tified as impediments to the coordination of the de-  
25 livery of services to needy families with children; and

1           (2) the measures that the State has taken or  
2 intends to take to eliminate or reduce the impedi-  
3 ments described in paragraph (1) that are attrib-  
4 utable to administrative policies and laws of the  
5 State or of a political subdivision of the State.

6           (h) FEDERAL EVALUATIONS.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct  
8 evaluations of the implementation and outcomes of  
9 the demonstration projects authorized under this  
10 section.

11           (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years after the  
12 date of the enactment of this section, and annually  
13 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Con-  
14 gress a report the results of the evaluations con-  
15 ducted under paragraph (1) that includes the rec-  
16 ommendations of the Secretary as to any statutory  
17 changes that would improve integration of services  
18 provided through programs included in the dem-  
19 onstration projects conducted under this section.

20           (3) FUNDING.—The Secretary may reserve up  
21 to 5 percent of the amounts appropriated for grants  
22 under this section for the purpose of conducting and  
23 reporting on evaluations of the demonstration  
24 projects authorized under this section.

1       (i) NO WAIVER AUTHORITY.—This section shall not  
2 be construed to authorize the Secretary or appropriate  
3 agency head to waive or modify any requirement of any  
4 program described in subsection (b).

5       (j) STATE DEFINED.—As used in this section, the  
6 term “State” includes the several States, the District of  
7 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Com-  
8 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the United  
9 States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the  
10 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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