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S. 1218

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 6 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 5), 1995

Mr. COATS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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 “Community Partner-
5 ship Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General and the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly es-

1 tablish and carry out a competitive grant program to pro-
2 vide funding to States and communities to—

3 (1) establish an information network to enhance
4 coordination of matches between—

5 (A) churches, synagogues and other com-
6 munities of faith, and other community groups;
7 and

8 (B)(i) families receiving aid to families
9 with dependent children under part A of title
10 IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et
11 seq.) who voluntarily elect to participate; or

12 (ii) nonviolent criminal offenders who elect
13 to participate, and are directed to such a pro-
14 gram through the judicial system;

15 (2) hire staff to coordinate matches, recruit
16 churches, enhance coordination between the public
17 welfare system, judicial system, churches, syna-
18 gogues and other communities of faith, and other
19 community groups; and

20 (3) disseminate information, including training,
21 to Government agencies and interested community
22 groups about programs receiving funding under this
23 Act.

24 (b) FUNDING.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under this section
2 shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year.

3 (2) SOURCES.—There are authorized to be ap-
4 propriated not more than \$50,000,000, of which—

5 (A) not more than \$25,000,000 shall be
6 available from the Violent Crime Reduction
7 Trust Fund; and

8 (B) not more than \$25,000,000 shall be
9 available from funds appropriated to the Sec-
10 retary of Health and Human Services for ad-
11 ministrative expenses.

12 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSES.**

13 Of the amount made available under section 2(b), not
14 more than a total of \$1,000,000 shall be available to the
15 Attorney General and Secretary of Health and Human
16 Services for each to establish a national information clear-
17 inghouse at the Department of Justice and the Depart-
18 ment of Health and Human Services, respectively, to pro-
19 vide information and networking to assist States in estab-
20 lishing and carrying out programs under section 2.

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