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# S. 835

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19 (legislative day, MAY 15), 1995

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

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## 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 “Southwest Public  
5 Health Laboratory Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC-HEALTH LABORATORIES FOR SOUTHWEST-**  
7 **ERN BORDER REGION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
9 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-

1 ters for Disease Control and Prevention or through other  
2 agencies, may make grants to States for the operation of  
3 laboratories to protect the public health through the ana-  
4 lyzing of human, wildlife, air, water, and soil samples.

5 (b) PURPOSE OF GRANTS.—The activities for which  
6 amounts awarded under a grant made under subsection  
7 (a) may be used include the establishment of the labora-  
8 tories, increasing the capacity of existing facilities, and  
9 collecting the samples described in subsection (a) to be  
10 analyzed by the laboratories.

11 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—A State shall only be eligible to re-  
12 ceive a grant under subsection (a) if the State—

13 (1) prepares and submits to the Secretary of  
14 Health and Human Services an application, at such  
15 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-  
16 tion as the Secretary may require; and

17 (2) agrees that the laboratory involved under  
18 the grant will be operated by the State, and will  
19 serve the region along the international border be-  
20 tween the United States and Mexico (in the States  
21 of California, Arizona, New Mexico, or Texas).

22 (d) LOCATION OF LABORATORY.—In awarding a  
23 grant under subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and  
24 Human Services shall ensure that the laboratory to be  
25 funded under the grant be established in an urban area

1 that is centrally located in the region involved, be located  
2 within 25 miles of the border described in subsection  
3 (c)(2), and receive the principal amount of the grant  
4 award under this section.

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