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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 1998

Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. HOYER, Mr. COYNE, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. OLVER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. RUSH, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. STARK, Mr. MOAKLEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Start Initia-
3 tive Continuation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF HEALTHY START PROGRAM.**

5 Subpart I of part D of title III of the Public Health
6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by insert-
7 ing after section 330C the following section:

8 **“SEC. 330D. HEALTHY START FOR INFANTS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(1) CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF PRO-
11 GRAM.—The Secretary, acting through the Adminis-
12 trator of the Health Resources and Services Admin-
13 istration, shall continue in effect the Healthy Start
14 Initiative and may, during fiscal year 1999 and sub-
15 sequent years, carry out such program on a national
16 basis.

17 “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of paragraph
18 (1), the term ‘Healthy Start Initiative’ is a reference
19 to the program that, as an initiative to reduce the
20 rate of infant mortality, makes grants for project
21 areas with high annual rates of infant mortality and
22 that, prior to fiscal year 1999, was a demonstration
23 program carried out under section 301.

24 “(b) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In mak-
25 ing grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give
26 preference to applicants that (in addition to meeting all

1 eligibility criteria established by the Secretary) establish,
2 for project areas under such subsection, consortia of pub-
3 lic health departments, hospitals, health centers under sec-
4 tion 330, or other entities designated by the Secretary as
5 significant sources of health care that are appropriate for
6 participation in projects under subsection (a).

7 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except to the extent
8 inconsistent with subsection (b), this section may not be
9 construed as affecting the authority of the Secretary to
10 make modifications in the program carried out under sub-
11 section (a). Any such modification shall be made by regu-
12 lation.

13 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
14 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
15 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
16 each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.”.

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