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To establish an adoption awareness program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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purposes.

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 “Adoption Promotion
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADOPTION AWARENESS PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
9 retary”) shall establish an adoption awareness program.
10 The Secretary shall make grants through the program to

1 eligible private entities to pay for the Federal share of the
2 cost of developing and distributing materials promoting
3 adoption.

4 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity that receives a
6 grant under subsection (a) shall use funds made
7 available through the grant to develop and carry out
8 an adoption public promotion campaign, including—

9 (A) developing and placing public service
10 announcements regarding adoption on tele-
11 vision, radio, and billboards; and

12 (B) developing and distributing brochures
13 regarding adoption through federally funded
14 family planning clinics in the United States, in-
15 cluding coordinating the distribution of the bro-
16 chures with the distribution of educational ma-
17 terials under title X of the Public Health Serv-
18 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300 et seq.).

19 (2) LIMITATION.—The entity may not place a
20 public service announcement, as described in para-
21 graph (1)(A), or distribute a brochure, as described
22 in paragraph (1)(B), until the Secretary has re-
23 viewed the announcement or brochure, reviewed the
24 recommendation described in section 3(d)(2)(B) re-

1 garding the announcement or brochure, and ap-
2 proved the announcement or brochure.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
4 under subsection (a), an entity shall submit an application
5 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and includ-
6 ing such information as the Secretary may require.

7 (d) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall make grants
8 under subsection (a) to recipients selected from among ap-
9 plicants receiving favorable recommendations from the
10 Adoption Awareness Commission under section
11 3(d)(1)(B).

12 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the
14 cost described in subsection (a) shall be 50 percent.

15 (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
16 share of the cost may be contributed in cash or in
17 kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or
18 services.

19 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a com-
21 mission to be known as the Adoption Awareness Commis-
22 sion (referred to in this Act as the “Commission”).

23 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be com-
24 posed of 7 members, of whom—

25 (1) 1 shall be appointed by the President;

1 (2)(A) 2 shall be appointed by the President,
2 from among not fewer than 6 persons nominated by
3 the majority leader of the Senate; and

4 (B) 1 shall be appointed by the President, from
5 among not fewer than 4 persons nominated by the
6 minority leader of the Senate; and

7 (3)(A) 2 shall be appointed by the President,
8 from among not fewer than 6 persons nominated by
9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

10 (B) 1 shall be appointed by the President, from
11 among not fewer than 4 persons nominated by the
12 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

13 (c) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—Mem-
14 bers shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any
15 vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but
16 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appoint-
17 ment.

18 (d) DUTIES.—The Commission shall—

19 (1)(A) review the applications submitted under
20 section 2; and

21 (B) by majority vote, make recommendations to
22 the Secretary regarding which applicants should re-
23 ceive grants made under section 2; and

1 (2)(A) review the public service announcements
2 and brochures developed by the recipients of the
3 grants made under section 2; and

4 (B) by majority vote, make recommendations to
5 the Secretary regarding approval of the announce-
6 ments and brochures.

7 (e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at least
8 4 times in each fiscal year.

9 (f) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each member of
10 the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the
11 Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal
12 to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay pre-
13 scribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under sec-
14 tion 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (in-
15 cluding travel time) during which such member is engaged
16 in the performance of the duties of the Commission. All
17 members of the Commission who are officers or employees
18 of the United States shall serve without compensation in
19 addition to that received for their services as officers or
20 employees of the United States.

21 (g) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Com-
22 mission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per
23 diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employ-
24 ees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title
25 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or

1 regular places of business in the performance of services
2 for the Commission.

3 (h) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any
4 Federal Government employee may be detailed to the
5 Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall
6 be without interruption or loss of civil service status or
7 privilege.

8 (i) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-
9 TENT SERVICES.—The Chairman of the Commission may
10 procure temporary and intermittent services under section
11 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individ-
12 uals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual
13 rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive
14 Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

15 (j) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
16 on September 30, 2004.

17 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
19 this Act \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through
20 2004.

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