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To improve academic and social outcomes for teenage youth.

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WAMP, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To improve academic and social outcomes for teenage youth.

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 “YMCA Teen Action
5 Agenda Enhancement Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) One in 10 teens, 2.4 million teens across
9 the Nation, are currently involved in a program of-
10 fered by a local YMCA.

1 (2) Recognizing the unique obstacles faced by
2 teenagers, the YMCA has launched the Teen Action
3 Agenda, a nationwide campaign to double this num-
4 ber and serve 1 in 5 teens by 2005.

5 (3) In more than 1,900 YMCAs across the
6 United States in cities large and small, in neighbor-
7 hoods rich and poor, teen groups meet regularly and
8 engage one another in safe, wholesome, educational,
9 and creative activities.

10 (4) It is well-documented that teens who par-
11 ticipate in structured activities after school are less
12 likely to drink alcohol, carry or use weapons, smoke
13 cigarettes, engage in early sexual activity, or skip
14 school.

15 (5) YMCAs serve people of all faiths, races,
16 abilities, ages, and incomes.

17 (6) Approximately 400 YMCAs partner with ju-
18 venile courts, 300 partner with public housing devel-
19 opments, 1550 partner with elementary schools, and
20 1033 partner with high schools.

21 (7) The YMCA is volunteer-founded and volun-
22 teer-led. The YMCA depends on more than 600,000
23 volunteers to meet the unique needs of their commu-
24 nities.

1 (8) The YMCA is especially committed to
2 reaching teens that are most at-risk for school fail-
3 ure or delinquency.

4 (9) The prosperity of our Nation depends upon
5 maximizing and fulfilling the potential of its young
6 people.

7 **SEC. 3. GRANTS TO THE YMCA OF THE USA.**

8 (a) PURPOSES.—Subject to the availability of appro-
9 priations, the Attorney General shall award a grant to the
10 YMCA of the USA for the purpose of carrying out YMCA
11 programs for at-risk teens in accordance with the provi-
12 sions of this Act.

13 (b) SUBGRANTS.—From amounts awarded under
14 subsection (a), the YMCA of the USA shall make sub-
15 grants to local YMCAs authorizing expenditures associ-
16 ated with providing programs, including the hiring of
17 teachers and other personnel, procurement of goods and
18 services (including computer equipment), or such other
19 purposes as are approved by the Attorney General.

20 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—

22 (1) PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK TEENS.—Amounts
23 granted under this Act shall be used by the YMCA
24 of the USA to provide funding to carry out YMCA
25 programs that have a primary purpose of serving

1 teens who are determined to be at-risk for one or
2 more of the following:

3 (A) School failure.

4 (B) Delinquency.

5 (2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Each program
6 for which assistance is provided under this Act shall
7 include at least three of the following different ac-
8 tivities:

9 (A) Mentoring assistance.

10 (B) Academic assistance.

11 (C) Recreational, fitness, and athletic ac-
12 tivities.

13 (D) Technology training.

14 (E) Drug, alcohol, and gang prevention.

15 (F) Job and life skills.

16 (G) Character development and values edu-
17 cation.

18 (H) Leadership development.

19 (I) Truancy and dropout prevention.

20 (J) Civic education.

21 (K) Volunteerism and service learning.

22 (L) Parenting skills.

23 (M) Literary, performing, and visual arts.

24 (N) Mental health services.

25 (O) Alternative education.

1 (P) Any research-based activity shown to
2 have a positive impact on the academic and so-
3 cial outcomes of teens.

4 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out
5 the programs under subsection (a), a local YMCA shall,
6 to the maximum extent practicable—

7 (1) use volunteers from businesses, academic
8 communities, social organizations, and law enforce-
9 ment organizations to serve as mentors or to assist
10 in other ways;

11 (2) develop creative methods of conducting out-
12 reach to teens in the community;

13 (3) request donations of computer equipment
14 and other materials and equipment; and

15 (4) work with State and local educational and
16 recreation agencies so that activities funded with
17 amounts made available under a grant under this
18 Act will not duplicate activities funded from other
19 sources in the community served.

20 (c) FUNDING FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—Of
21 the amounts granted to the YMCA of the USA under this
22 Act in each fiscal year, the YMCA of the USA shall use—

23 (1) not less than 2 percent for research and
24 evaluation of the subgrants made under this Act;

1 (2) not less than 1 percent for technical assist-
2 ance related to the subgrants awarded under this
3 Act; and

4 (3) not more than 6 percent for the manage-
5 ment and administration of the subgrants made
6 under this Act.

7 **SEC. 5. APPLICATIONS FOR SUBGRANTS.**

8 (a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a
9 subgrant under this Act, an applicant shall submit an ap-
10 plication to the YMCA of the USA. Each application sub-
11 mitted shall include—

12 (1) a request for a subgrant to be used for the
13 purposes of this Act;

14 (2) a description of the population to be served
15 by the subgrant and information demonstrating that
16 this population is at-risk for school failure or delin-
17 quency;

18 (3) a description of the program to be expanded
19 or established by the subgrant;

20 (4) information demonstrating the manner in
21 which the local YMCA will carry out the planning,
22 establishment, implementation, sustainability and
23 evaluation of the program funded by the subgrant;

24 (5) information demonstrating that there are
25 non-Federal contributions (which may be in the form

1 of an in-kind contribution of goods or services) avail-
2 able to cover at least 50 percent of the total cost of
3 the project; and

4 (6) any additional statistical or financial infor-
5 mation that the YMCA of the USA may reasonably
6 require.

7 (b) CONSIDERATION OF SUBGRANTS.—In awarding
8 subgrants under this Act, the YMCA of the USA shall
9 consider—

10 (1) the ability of the applicant to provide the
11 intended services;

12 (2) the history and establishment of the appli-
13 cant in providing teen activities; and

14 (3) efforts to achieve an equitable geographic
15 distribution of subgrant awards.

16 **SEC. 6. REPORT.**

17 For each fiscal year for which a grant is awarded
18 under this Act, the YMCA of the USA shall submit to
19 the Attorney General a report that details the progress
20 and effectiveness of the YMCA programs in reaching
21 measurable outcomes.

22 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

24 (1) YMCA OF THE US.—The term “YMCA of
25 the USA” means the private, nonprofit, national

1 membership and service organization of approxi-
2 mately 2,400 local YMCAs.

3 (2) LOCAL YMCA.—The term “local YMCA”
4 means one of the approximately 2,400 locally incor-
5 porated and governed YMCAs in the United States.

6 (3) TEEN PROGRAM.—The term “teen pro-
7 gram” means any program primarily attended by in-
8 dividuals between the ages of 11 and 19.

9 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
11 priated to carry out this Act \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal
12 years 2002 through 2006.

13 (b) CONTINUED AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made
14 available to carry out this Act shall remain available until
15 expended.

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