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To amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements.

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Mr. OSBORNE (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements.

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 “Improving the Commu-
5 nity Services Block Grant Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT ACT AMEND-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 The Community Service Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
9 9901 note) is amended as follows:

10 (1) In section 672—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by striking “neighborhood-based”
3 and inserting “community-based”; and

4 (ii) by inserting “the support of
5 strong and healthy families” after “low-in-
6 come communities,”;

7 (B) in paragraph (2)(A) by inserting be-
8 fore the semicolon at the end “in order to pro-
9 mote self-sufficiency”; and

10 (C) in paragraph (2)(E)(i) by striking
11 “neighborhood” and inserting “community”.

12 (2) Section 673(1)(A)(i) is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 “(i) that meets the criteria of section
15 210 of the Economic Opportunity Act of
16 1964, or under the provisions described in
17 section 676A (including an organization
18 serving migrant or seasonal farmworkers
19 that is so described or designated); and”.

20 (3) In section 674(a) by striking “1999 through
21 2003” and inserting “2004 through 2009”.

22 (4) In section 675C—

23 (A) in subsection (a)(3)(A), by striking
24 “Beginning on October 1, 2000, a” and insert-
25 ing “A”; and

1 (B) in subsection (b)(1)(F), by striking
2 “neighborhood-based” and inserting “commu-
3 nity-based”.

4 (5) In section 676(b)—

5 (A) by striking “Beginning with fiscal year
6 2000, to” and inserting “To”;

7 (B) in paragraph (1), by adding the fol-
8 lowing new subparagraph:

9 “(D) initiatives to improve economic condi-
10 tions and mobilize new resources in rural areas
11 to eliminate obstacles to the self-sufficiency of
12 families and individuals in rural communities;”;

13 (C) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
14 “youth development programs that support”
15 and inserting “youth development programs,
16 which may include mentoring programs that
17 support”;

18 (D) in paragraph (2) by striking “commu-
19 nity and neighborhood-based” and inserting
20 “community-based”;

21 (E) by amending paragraph (8) to read as
22 follows:

23 “(8) an assurance that, beginning in fiscal year
24 2005, the State will give priority to an entity that
25 received funding on the date of enactment of this

1 Act that fulfills the grantee determined goals in sec-
2 tion 678E(b). If no entity in a community is entitled
3 to such a priority then the State may designate an
4 entity from among qualified applicants in such a
5 community;”;

6 (F) by adding the following new paragraph
7 (and redesignating the subsequent paragraphs
8 accordingly):

9 “(9) an assurance that the lowest performing of
10 existing grantees, as determined by the State, will be
11 replaced with other eligible entities;”;

12 (G) in paragraph (10) (as so redesignated
13 by this Act) by striking “and community orga-
14 nizations” and inserting “and community-based
15 organizations”; and

16 (H) in paragraph (11) (as so redesignated
17 by this Act) by striking “community organiza-
18 tion” and inserting “community-based organi-
19 zation”.

20 (6) In section 676(c)(2) by striking “plan, or”
21 and all that follows through the final period and in-
22 serting “plan, to meet a State requirement, as de-
23 scribed in section 678C(a), or to meet the grantee
24 determined goals as described in 678E(b).”.

1 (7) In section 678A(a)(1)(A) by inserting “and
2 dissemination regarding best practices” after “train-
3 ing,”.

4 (8) In section 678C(a) by striking “(including
5 performance objectives)”.

6 (9) In section 678C(b)—

7 (A) by striking “Secretary shall” in the
8 second sentence and inserting “Secretary may”;
9 and

10 (B) by striking “Chairperson of the Com-
11 mittee on Education” and all that follows
12 through “Human Resources of the Senate” and
13 inserting “appropriate Congressional commit-
14 tees”.

15 (10) In section 678E—

16 (A) by redesignating subsection (b) as (c);
17 and

18 (B) by inserting after subsection (a), the
19 following new subsection:

20 “(b) LOCAL GRANTEE ACCOUNTABILITY AND RE-
21 PORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

22 “(1) GRANTEE DETERMINED GOALS.—In order
23 to be designated as an eligible entity and to receive
24 a grant under this subtitle, a grantee shall establish

1 grantee determined goals for reducing poverty in the
2 community, including goals for—

3 “(A) leveraging community resources;

4 “(B) fostering coordination of Federal,
5 State, local, private, and other assistance; and

6 “(C) promoting community involvement.

7 “(2) DEMONSTRATION THAT GOALS WERE
8 MET.—In order to receive a grant subsequent to the
9 initial grant provided following the date of enact-
10 ment of this subtitle, the grantee shall demonstrate
11 to the State that it has met the goals described in
12 paragraph (1).”.

13 (11) In section 678E(c) (as so redesignated by
14 this Act)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “begin-
16 ning after September 30, 1999”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “Com-
18 mittee on Education” and all that follows
19 through “Human Resources of the Senate” and
20 inserting “appropriate Congressional commit-
21 tees”.

22 (12) In section 680(a)—

23 (A) in paragraph (3)(B) by inserting be-
24 fore the final period the following “, including
25 water and wastewater facility needs”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “neigh-
2 borhood-based” and inserting “community-
3 based”.

4 (13) In section 680(c) by striking “Chairperson
5 of the Committee on Education” and all that follows
6 through “Human Resources of the Senate” and in-
7 serting “appropriate Congressional committees”.

8 (14) In section 681—

9 (A) in subsection (c) by striking “Com-
10 mittee on Education” and all that follows
11 through “Human Resources of the Senate” and
12 inserting “appropriate Congressional commit-
13 tees”; and

14 (B) in subsection (d) by striking “1999
15 through 2003” and inserting “2004 through
16 2009”.

17 (15) In section 682—

18 (A) in subsection (b)(5)—

19 (i) by inserting “to improve academic
20 achievement” after “study practices”; and

21 (ii) by striking “the well-being of
22 youth,” and inserting “the well-being of
23 youth (which may be accomplished through
24 mentoring),”

1 (B) in subsection (g) by striking “1999
2 through 2003” and inserting “2004 through
3 2009”.

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