

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5752

To provide for making grants to expand the capacity of the Big Brothers
Big Sisters mentoring program for at-risk youth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2006

Mr. SIMMONS (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and
the Workforce

A BILL

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the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program for
at-risk 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 “Mentoring Matches
5 for Youth Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, which
9 was founded in 1904 and chartered by Congress in

1 1958, is the oldest and largest mentoring organiza-
2 tion in the United States.

3 (2) There are over 450 Big Brothers Big Sis-
4 ters of America local agencies providing mentoring
5 programs for at-risk children in over 5,000 commu-
6 nities throughout every State, Guam, and Puerto
7 Rico.

8 (3) Over the last decade, Big Brother Big Sis-
9 ters of America has raised a minimum of 75 percent
10 of its annual operating budget from private sources
11 and is continually working to grow private sources of
12 funding to maintain this ratio of private to Federal
13 funds.

14 (4) In 2005, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Amer-
15 ica provided mentors for over 235,000 children.

16 (5) Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has a
17 goal to provide mentors for 1 million children per
18 year.

19 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM FOR EXPANDING BIG BROTHERS**
20 **BIG SISTERS MENTORING PROGRAM.**

21 In each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012, the Ad-
22 ministrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delin-
23 quency Prevention (hereinafter in this Act referred to as
24 the “Administrator”) may make grants to Big Brothers
25 Big Sisters of America to use for expanding the capacity

1 of and carrying out the Big Brothers Big Sisters men-
2 toring programs for at-risk youth.

3 **SEC. 4. BIENNIAL REPORT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Big Brothers Big Sisters of
5 America shall submit 2 reports to the Administrator in
6 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013. Big Brothers Big
7 Sisters of America shall submit the first report in a fiscal
8 year not later than April 1 of that fiscal year and the sec-
9 ond report in a fiscal year not later than September 30
10 of that fiscal year.

11 (b) REQUIRED CONTENT.—Each such report must
12 include the following:

13 (1) A detailed statement of the progress made
14 by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in expand-
15 ing the capacity of and carrying out mentoring pro-
16 grams for at-risk youth.

17 (2) A detailed statement of how the amounts
18 received under this Act have been used.

19 (3) A detailed assessment of the effectiveness of
20 the mentoring programs.

21 (4) Recommendations for continued grants and
22 the appropriate amounts for such grants.

23 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
25 this Act—

1 (1) \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008
2 and 2009;

3 (2) \$8,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
4 and 2011; and

5 (3) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

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