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To authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other 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 “Teen Pregnancy Pre-
5 vention, Responsibility, and Opportunity Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The United States has the highest teen
2 pregnancy rate and teen birth rate in the western in-
3 dustrialized world, costing the United States not less
4 than \$9,000,000,000 annually.

5 (2) About 2 out of 5 young women in the
6 United States become pregnant before they reach
7 the age of 20.

8 (3) Teen pregnancy has serious consequences
9 for young women, their children, and communities
10 as a whole. Too-early childbearing increases the like-
11 lihood that a young woman will drop out of high
12 school and that she and her child will live in poverty.

13 (4) Statistically, the sons of teen mothers are
14 more likely to end up in prison. The daughters of
15 teen mothers are more likely to end up teen mothers
16 too.

17 (5) Teens that grow up in disadvantaged eco-
18 nomic, social, and familial circumstances are more
19 likely to engage in risky behavior and have a child
20 during adolescence.

21 (6) Teens with strong emotional attachments to
22 their parents are more likely to become sexually ac-
23 tive at a later age. Seven out of ten teens say that
24 they are prepared to listen to things parents thought
25 they were not ready to hear.

1 (7) Seventy-eight percent of white and 70 per-
2 cent of African-American teenagers report that lack
3 of communication between a teenage girl and her
4 parents is frequently a reason a teenage girl has a
5 baby.

6 (8) One study found that the likelihood of teens
7 having sex for the first time increased with the num-
8 ber of unsupervised hours teens have during a week.

9 (9) After-school programs reduce teen risky be-
10 havior by involving teens in activities that provide al-
11 ternatives to sex. Teenage girls who play sports, for
12 instance, are more likely to delay sex and have fewer
13 partners and less likely to become pregnant.

14 (10) After-school programs help prevent teen
15 pregnancy by advancing good decision-making skills
16 and providing teens health education and positive
17 role models in a supervised setting.

18 (11) About 70 percent of girls and 63 percent
19 of boys report that they wish they had waited until
20 they were older to have sex.

21 **SEC. 3. EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING TEEN**
22 **PREGNANCIES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
25 retary”) may make grants to local educational agencies,

1 State and local public health agencies, and nonprofit pri-
2 vate entities for the purpose of carrying out projects to
3 provide education on preventing teen pregnancies.

4 (b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making
5 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-
6 erence to applicants that will carry out the projects under
7 such subsection in communities for which the rate of teen
8 pregnancy is significantly above the average rate in the
9 United States of such pregnancies.

10 (c) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—A grant may be
11 made under subsection (a) only if the applicant for the
12 grant meets the following conditions with respect to the
13 project involved:

14 (1) The applicant agrees that information pro-
15 vided by the project on pregnancy prevention will be
16 age-appropriate, factually and medically accurate
17 and complete, and scientifically-based.

18 (2) The applicant agrees that the project will
19 give priority to preventing teen pregnancies by—

20 (A) encouraging teens to delay sexual ac-
21 tivity;

22 (B) providing educational services and re-
23 ferrals for sexually active teens or teens at risk
24 of becoming sexually active;

1 (C) educating both young men and women
2 about the responsibilities and pressures that
3 come along with parenting;

4 (D) helping parents communicate with
5 teens about sexuality; or

6 (E) teaching young people responsible deci-
7 sion-making.

8 (d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the costs of
10 the project to be carried out under subsection (a) by
11 an applicant, a grant may be made under such sub-
12 section only if the applicant agrees to make available
13 (directly or through donations from public or private
14 entities) non-Federal contributions toward such
15 costs in an amount that is not less than 25 percent
16 of such costs (\$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds pro-
17 vided in the grant).

18 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT CONTRIB-
19 UTED.—Non-Federal contributions required in para-
20 graph (1) may be in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-
21 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.
22 Amounts provided by the Federal Government, or
23 services assisted or subsidized to any significant ex-
24 tent by the Federal Government, may not be in-

1 cluded in determining the amount of such non-Fed-
2 eral contributions.

3 (e) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—With respect to the
4 activities for which a grant under subsection (a) is author-
5 ized to be expended, such a grant may be made for a fiscal
6 year only if the applicant involved agrees to maintain ex-
7 penditures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at
8 a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures
9 maintained by the applicant for the fiscal year preceding
10 the first fiscal year for which the applicant receives such
11 a grant.

12 (f) EVALUATION OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall
13 establish criteria for the evaluation of projects under sub-
14 section (a). A grant may be made under such subsection
15 only if the applicant involved—

16 (1) agrees to conduct evaluations of the project
17 in accordance with such criteria;

18 (2) agrees to submit to the Secretary such re-
19 ports describing the results of the evaluations as the
20 Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

21 (3) submits to the Secretary, in the application
22 under subsection (g), a plan for conducting the eval-
23 uations.

24 (g) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
25 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the

1 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
2 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
3 such agreements, assurances, and information, including
4 the agreements under subsections (e) through (f) and the
5 plan under subsection (f)(3), as the Secretary determines
6 to be necessary to carry out this section.

7 (h) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than October
8 1, 2012, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
9 describing the extent to which projects under subsection
10 (a) have been successful in reducing the rate of teen preg-
11 nancies in the communities in which the projects have
12 been carried out.

13 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) AGE-APPROPRIATE.—The term “age-appro-
15 priate”, with respect to information on pregnancy
16 prevention, means topics, messages, and teaching
17 methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of
18 children and adolescents, based on developing cog-
19 nitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for
20 the age or age group.

21 (2) FACTUALLY AND MEDICALLY ACCURATE
22 AND COMPLETE.—The term “factually and medically
23 accurate and complete” means verified or supported
24 by the weight of research conducted in compliance
25 with accepted scientific methods and—

1 (A) published in peer-reviewed journals,
2 where applicable; or

3 (B) comprising information that leading
4 professional organizations and agencies with
5 relevant expertise in the field recognize as accu-
6 rate, objective, and complete.

7 (3) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
8 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
9 such term in section 9101 of the Elementary and
10 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

11 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
12 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
13 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
14 2008 through 2012.

15 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN AFTER-SCHOOL**
16 **PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CEN-
18 TERS.—Section 4206 of the Elementary and Secondary
19 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7176) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
21 end;

22 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(7) \$2,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

1 “(8) \$2,750,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.”.

2 (b) CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PRO-
3 GRAM.—Section 5401 of the Elementary and Secondary
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7241) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “There are” and inserting “(a)
6 IN GENERAL.—There are”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) PHYSICAL EDUCATION.—In addition to the
9 amounts authorized to be appropriated by subsection (a),
10 there are authorized to be appropriated \$73,000,000 for
11 each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to carry out subpart
12 10.”.

13 (c) FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS.—Section 402A(f) of
14 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–
15 11(f)) is amended by striking “\$700,000,000 for fiscal
16 year 1999, and such sums as may be necessary for each
17 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting
18 “\$883,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may
19 be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

20 (d) GEARUP.—Section 404H of the Higher Edu-
21 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–28) is amended by
22 striking “\$200,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such
23 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding
24 fiscal years” and inserting “\$325,000,000 for fiscal year

1 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
2 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

3 **SEC. 5. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE CRE-**
4 **ACTIVE APPROACHES TO TEEN PREGNANCY**
5 **PREVENTION AND AFTER-SCHOOL PRO-**
6 **GRAMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
8 to public or nonprofit private entities for the purpose of
9 assisting the entities in demonstrating innovative ap-
10 proaches to prevent teen pregnancies.

11 (b) CERTAIN APPROACHES.—Approaches under sub-
12 section (a) may include the following:

13 (1) Encouraging teen-driven approaches to
14 pregnancy prevention.

15 (2) Exposing teens to realistic simulations of
16 the physical, emotional, and financial toll of preg-
17 nancy and parenting.

18 (3) Facilitating communication between parents
19 and children, especially programs that have been
20 evaluated and proven effective.

21 (c) MATCHING FUNDS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the costs of
23 the project to be carried out under subsection (a) by
24 an applicant, a grant may be made under such sub-
25 section only if the applicant agrees to make available

1 (directly or through donations from public or private
2 entities) non-Federal contributions toward such
3 costs in an amount that is not less than 25 percent
4 of such costs (\$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds pro-
5 vided in the grant).

6 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT CONTRIB-
7 UTED.—Non-Federal contributions required in para-
8 graph (1) may be in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-
9 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.
10 Amounts provided by the Federal Government, or
11 services assisted or subsidized to any significant ex-
12 tent by the Federal Government, may not be in-
13 cluded in determining the amount of such non-Fed-
14 eral contributions.

15 (d) EVALUATION OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall
16 establish criteria for the evaluation of projects under sub-
17 section (a). A grant may be made under such subsection
18 only if the applicant involved—

19 (1) agrees to conduct evaluations of the project
20 in accordance with such criteria;

21 (2) agrees to submit to the Secretary such re-
22 ports describing the results of the evaluations as the
23 Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

1 (3) submits to the Secretary, in the application
2 under subsection (e), a plan for conducting the eval-
3 uations.

4 (e) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
5 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
6 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
7 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
8 such agreements, assurances, and information, including
9 the agreements under subsections (c) and (d) and the plan
10 under subsection (d)(3), as the Secretary determines to
11 be necessary to carry out this section.

12 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than October
13 1, 2012, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
14 describing the extent to which projects under subsection
15 (a) have been successful in reducing the rate of teen preg-
16 nancies in the communities in which the projects have
17 been carried out. Such reports shall describe the various
18 approaches used under subsection (a) and the effective-
19 ness of each of the approaches.

20 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
21 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
22 to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
23 2008 through 2012.

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