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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to
the Healthy Start Initiative.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Start Reau-
3 thorization Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO HEALTHY START INITIATIVE.**

5 (a) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—Section
6 330H(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
7 254c–8(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(b) REQUIREMENTS” and all
9 that follows through “In making grants under sub-
10 section (a)” and inserting the following:

11 “(b) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—

12 “(1) REQUIREMENTS.—In making grants under
13 subsection (a)”;

14 (2) by adding at the end the following para-
15 graphs:

16 “(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In making
17 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall take
18 into consideration the following:

19 “(A) Factors that contribute to infant
20 mortality, such as low birthweight.

21 “(B) The extent to which applicants for
22 such grants facilitate—

23 “(i) a community-based approach to
24 the delivery of services; and

1 “(ii) a comprehensive approach to
2 women’s health care to improve perinatal
3 outcomes.

4 “(3) SPECIAL PROJECTS.—Nothing in para-
5 graph (2) shall be construed to prevent the Sec-
6 retary from awarding grants under subsection (a)
7 for special projects that are intended to address sig-
8 nificant disparities in perinatal health indicators in
9 communities along the United States-Mexico border
10 or in Alaska or Hawaii.”.

11 (b) OTHER GRANTS.—Section 330H of the Public
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–8) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);
14 and

15 (2) by striking subsections (e) and (f).

16 (c) FUNDING.—Section 330H of the Public Health
17 Service Act, as amended by subsection (b) of this section,
18 is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

19 “(e) FUNDING.—

20 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

21 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
22 are authorized to be appropriated—

23 “(A) \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

24 and

1 “(B) for each of fiscal years 2009 through
2 2013, the amount authorized for the preceding
3 fiscal year increased by the percentage increase
4 in the Consumer Price Index for all urban con-
5 sumers for such year.

6 “(2) ALLOCATION.—

7 “(A) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—Of the
8 amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for
9 a fiscal year, the Secretary may reserve up to
10 5 percent for coordination, dissemination, tech-
11 nical assistance, and data activities that are de-
12 termined by the Secretary to be appropriate for
13 carrying out the program under this section.

14 “(B) EVALUATION.—Of the amounts ap-
15 propriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
16 year, the Secretary may reserve up to 1 percent
17 for evaluations of projects carried out under
18 subsection (a). Each such evaluation shall in-
19 clude a determination of whether such projects
20 have been effective in reducing the disparity in
21 health status between the general population

1 and individuals who are members of racial or
2 ethnic minority groups.”.

Passed the Senate April 30, 2008.

Attest: NANCY ERICKSON,
Secretary.