

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5462

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and implement a birth defects prevention, risk reduction, and public awareness program.

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 “Birth Defects Preven-
3 tion, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION, RISK REDUCTION,**
5 **AND AWARENESS.**

6 (a) PROGRAM.—The Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
8 317T (42 U.S.C. 247b–22) the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 317U. BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION, RISK REDUC-**
10 **TION, AND AWARENESS.**

11 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall estab-
12 lish and implement a birth defects prevention and public
13 awareness program to award grants to States or organiza-
14 tions for the provision of pregnancy and breastfeeding in-
15 formation services.

16 “(b) PREFERENCE.—In the case of States or organi-
17 zations that are otherwise equally qualified, the Secretary,
18 in awarding a grant under this section, shall give pref-
19 erence to—

20 “(1) States that made pregnancy and
21 breastfeeding information services available on Janu-
22 ary 1, 2006; and

23 “(2) organizations that will provide pregnancy
24 and breastfeeding information services in such
25 States.

1 “(c) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Secretary may only
2 award a grant under this section to a State or organiza-
3 tion that agrees, with respect to the costs to be incurred
4 in carrying out the grant activities, to make available (di-
5 rectly or through donations from public or private entities)
6 non-Federal funds toward such costs in an amount equal
7 to not less than 25 percent of the amount of the grant.

8 “(d) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall ensure
9 that activities carried out using a grant under this section
10 are coordinated, to the maximum extent practicable, with
11 other birth defects prevention and environmental health
12 activities of the Federal Government, including activities
13 carried out by the Health Resources and Services Admin-
14 istration and the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
15 tion with respect to pediatric environmental health spe-
16 cialty units and children’s environmental health centers.

17 “(e) EVALUATION.—In furtherance of the program
18 established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall pro-
19 vide for an evaluation of pregnancy and breastfeeding in-
20 formation services to identify efficient and effective models
21 of—

22 “(1) providing information;

23 “(2) raising awareness and increasing knowl-
24 edge about birth defects prevention measures;

25 “(3) modifying risk behaviors; or

1 “(4) other outcome measures as determined ap-
2 propriate by the Secretary.

3 “(f) PREGNANCY AND BREASTFEEDING INFORMA-
4 TION SERVICES DEFINED.—For purposes of this section,
5 the term ‘pregnancy and breastfeeding information serv-
6 ices’ includes only—

7 “(1) information services to provide accurate,
8 evidence-based, clinical information regarding mater-
9 nal exposures during pregnancy or breastfeeding
10 that may be associated with birth defects or other
11 health risks to an infant that is breastfed, such as
12 exposures to medications, chemicals, infections,
13 foodborne pathogens, illnesses, nutrition, or lifestyle
14 factors;

15 “(2) the provision of accurate, evidence-based
16 information weighing risks of exposures during
17 breastfeeding against the benefits of breastfeeding;
18 and

19 “(3) the provision of information described in
20 paragraph (1) or (2) through counselors, Web sites,
21 fact sheets, telephonic or electronic communication,
22 community outreach efforts, or other appropriate
23 means.

24 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
25 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-

1 priated \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2012, \$5,500,000 for
2 fiscal year 2013, \$6,500,000 for fiscal year 2014,
3 \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2015, and \$8,500,000 for fiscal
4 year 2016.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 30
(legislative day September 29), 2010.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.