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S. 1234

To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize grants to assist children affected by methamphetamine or other substance abuse under the promoting safe and stable families program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20 (legislative day, JUNE 16), 2011

Mr. GRASSLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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 “Partners for Stable
5 Families and Foster Youth Affected by Methamphetamine
6 or Other Substance Abuse Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS TO ASSIST CHIL-**
 2 **DREN AFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE OR**
 3 **OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE.**

4 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 437(f) of the Social
 6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)) is amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (3)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 9 “2011” and inserting “2016”;

10 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
 11 “, unless in the judgment of the Secretary,
 12 the grant should be renewed for an addi-
 13 tional period of not more than 2 fiscal
 14 years” before the period; and

15 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 16 lowing:

17 “(C) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR NEW
 18 GRANTEES.—The Secretary shall reserve a por-
 19 tion of the amounts appropriated or reserved
 20 for awarding grants under this subsection for
 21 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016 for
 22 awarding grants to regional partnerships that
 23 have not been awarded a grant under this sub-
 24 section in any of fiscal years 2007 through
 25 2011.”;

26 (B) in paragraph (6)(A)—

1 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and”
 2 after the semicolon;

3 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking the pe-
 4 riod and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 “(iv) 70 percent for the sixth such fis-
 8 cal year; and

9 “(v) 65 percent for the seventh such
 10 fiscal year.”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(10) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR AD-
 13 MINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARY.—Not
 14 more than 5 percent of the amounts appropriated or
 15 reserved for awarding grants under this subsection
 16 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016 may be
 17 used by the Secretary for salaries and Department
 18 of Health and Human Services administrative ex-
 19 penses.”.

20 (2) FUNDING.—Section 436(b)(5) of the Social
 21 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(b)(5)) is amended—

22 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 23 “and” after the semicolon;

24 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
 25 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(E) \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years
3 2012 through 2016.”.

4 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
5 by this subsection take effect on October 1, 2011.

6 (b) EVALUATIONS.—Not later than December 31,
7 2012, and not later than December 31, 2017, the Sec-
8 retary of Health and Human Services shall evaluate the
9 effectiveness of the grants awarded to regional partner-
10 ships under section 437(f) of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 629g(f)) and shall publish a report regarding the
12 results of each evaluation on the website of the Depart-
13 ment of Health and Human Services. Each report re-
14 quired to be published under this subsection shall in-
15 clude—

16 (1) an evaluation of the programs and activities
17 conducted, and the services provided, with the grant
18 funds awarded under such section for fiscal years
19 2007 through 2011, in the case of the evaluation re-
20 quired by December 31, 2012, and for fiscal years
21 2012 through 2016, in the case of the evaluation re-
22 quired by December 31, 2017;

23 (2) an analysis of the regional partnerships
24 awarded such grants that have, and have not, been
25 successful in achieving the goals and outcomes speci-

1 fied in their grant applications and with respect to
2 the performance indicators established by the Sec-
3 retary under paragraph (8) of such section that are
4 applicable to their grant awards; and

5 (3) an analysis of the extent to which such
6 grants have been successful in addressing the needs
7 of families with methamphetamine or other sub-
8 stance abuse problems who come to the attention of
9 the child welfare system and in achieving the goals
10 of child safety, permanence, and family stability.

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