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# H. R. 1223

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish the National Resource Center for Grandparents.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1993

Mr. HUGHES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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 “National Grandparent  
5 Resource Center Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 202 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42  
8 U.S.C. 3012) is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
9 ing:

1       “(f)(1) The Commissioner shall make grants to, or  
2 enter into contracts with, one eligible entity to establish  
3 and operate the National Resource Center for Grand-  
4 parents (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Center’) to  
5 serve as a central source of information and assistance to  
6 grandparents who—

7           “(A) raise their grandchildren;

8           “(B) encounter problems obtaining access to  
9 their grandchildren for purposes of visitation; or

10          “(C) need financial, legal, emotional, or infor-  
11 mational assistance regarding their relationship with  
12 their grandchildren.

13       “(2) The Center shall—

14           “(A) be staffed by employees and volunteers, in-  
15 cluding such grandparents;

16           “(B) provide a toll-free telephone number to in-  
17 crease access to the information and assistance  
18 available from the Center;

19           “(C) collect and make available to such grand-  
20 parents information regarding programs, projects,  
21 and activities of public and private entities (includ-  
22 ing governmental entities) relating the matters de-  
23 scribed in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of para-  
24 graph (1), including information on State law re-

1       garding grandparent visitation and Federal assist-  
2       ance available to such grandparents; and

3           “(D) refer individual grandparents to public  
4       and private entities that provide information or as-  
5       sistance regarding the rearing of grandchildren, in-  
6       cluding information regarding the prevention of drug  
7       abuse and the promotion of good health and nutri-  
8       tion.

9           “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘eligi-  
10      ble entity’ means a nonprofit private organization with a  
11      demonstrated record of experience in representing the con-  
12      cerns of older individuals with respect to their relationship  
13      to their grandchildren.”.

14      **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15           The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect  
16      on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after the  
17      date of the enactment of this Act.

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