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To replace the program of aid to families with dependent children with a program of block grants to States for families with dependent children, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To replace the program of aid to families with dependent children with a program of block grants to States for families with dependent children, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Welfare and Teenage
3 Pregnancy Reduction Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR FAMILIES WITH DE-**
5 **PENDENT CHILDREN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title IV of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601–617) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 “PART A—BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR FAMILIES WITH
10 DEPENDENT CHILDREN

11 **“SEC. 401. ENTITLEMENT.**

12 “For grants to which States meeting the require-
13 ments of this part are entitled, there is authorized to be
14 appropriated to the Secretary for each fiscal year an
15 amount equal to 103 percent of the aggregate amount of
16 Federal outlays under part A of this title (as in effect im-
17 mediately before the effective date of this part) for fiscal
18 year 1992.

19 **“SEC. 402. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

20 “To be entitled to a grant under this part for a fiscal
21 year, a State must, not later than June 30 of the imme-
22 diately preceding fiscal year, submit to the Secretary an
23 application which describes the State program to assist
24 families with dependent children, including the goals and
25 objectives of the program.

1 **“SEC. 403. BLOCK GRANT.**

2 “The Secretary shall make a grant to each State that
3 meets the requirement of section 402 in an amount equal
4 to 103 percent of the amount paid to the State under part
5 A of this title (as in effect immediately before the effective
6 date of this part) for fiscal year 1992.

7 **“SEC. 404. USE OF FUNDS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State to which a grant is
9 made under section 403 for a fiscal year shall use the
10 grant to carry out the State program to assist families
11 with dependent children.

12 “(b) PROHIBITIONS.—Each State to which a grant
13 is made under section 403 for a fiscal year shall not use
14 any Federal or State funds provided to carry out the State
15 program to assist families with dependent children, to pro-
16 vide assistance during the fiscal year with respect to a
17 dependent child if—

18 “(1) the mother or father of the dependent
19 child has not attained 18 years of age; or

20 “(2) the paternity or maternity of the depend-
21 ent child has not been established.

22 “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—During a period not exceeding
23 1 year from the date a family with a dependent child
24 moves to a State to which a grant is made under section
25 403 for a fiscal year from another State, the State may—

1 “(1) apply the same rules as apply with respect
2 to any other dependent child in the State, in provid-
3 ing assistance with respect to the dependent child
4 under the State program to assist families with
5 dependent children; or

6 “(2) treat the dependent child in the same man-
7 ner as such other State would have treated the de-
8 pendent child if the dependent child had not moved
9 from such other State.

10 **“SEC. 405. DEFINITION OF DEPENDENT CHILD.**

11 “As used in this part, the term ‘dependent child’
12 means an individual who—

13 “(1) is needy, as determined by the State in
14 which the child resides;

15 “(2) has been deprived of parental support or
16 care due to the death, continued absence from the
17 home (other than absence occasioned solely due to
18 the performance of active duty in the uniformed
19 services of the United States), or physical or mental
20 incapacity of a parent;

21 “(3) is living with the individual’s father, moth-
22 er, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, step-
23 father, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle,
24 aunt, first cousin, nephew, or niece, in a place of

1 residence maintained by 1 or more of such relatives
2 as his, her, or their home; and

3 “(4) is—

4 “(A) not more than 18 years of age; or

5 “(B) at the option of the State—

6 “(i) not more than 19 years of age;

7 and

8 “(ii) a full-time student in a second-
9 ary school (or in the equivalent level of vo-
10 cational or technical training) who may
11 reasonably be expected to complete the
12 program of the secondary school (or the
13 training) before attaining 19 years of
14 age.”.

15 **“SEC. 406. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

16 “Not later than 6 months after the end of each fiscal
17 year for which a State is made a grant under section 403,
18 the State shall submit to the Secretary a report which con-
19 tains—

20 “(1) a statement of the average number of fam-
21 ilies with dependent children in the State during the
22 fiscal year;

23 “(2) in absolute and in percentage terms, the
24 extent to which there has been an increase or de-

1 crease, during the fiscal year and since the effective
2 date of this part, in—

3 “(A) teen pregnancies in the State;

4 “(B) births of children immediately eligible
5 for assistance through the State program of as-
6 sistance to families with dependent children;

7 “(C) families to whom such assistance has
8 been terminated due to the gainful employment
9 of 1 or more members of the family; and

10 “(D) absent parents who contribute finan-
11 cially to the support of families receiving such
12 assistance; and

13 “(3) the extent to which the State has met the
14 goals and objectives set forth in the application for
15 the grant.

16 **“SEC. 407. WITHHOLDING OF BLOCK GRANT.**

17 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this part,
18 beginning 4 years after the effective date of this part, the
19 Secretary may suspend or withhold for any period part
20 or all of a grant to a State for a fiscal year under this
21 part if, after reviewing the State reports submitted pursu-
22 ant to section 406, the Secretary determines that the
23 State program of assistance to families with dependent
24 children during the immediately preceding fiscal year has
25 not adequately met the needs of the families.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1993.

3 (c) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS.—Any reference
4 in any law, regulation, document, paper, or other record
5 of the United States to part A of title IV of the Social
6 Security Act, or to a provision of law contained in such
7 part, shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be con-
8 sidered to be a reference to such part, or such provision,
9 as in effect immediately before October 1, 1993.

10 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION OF FEDERAL AFDC ADMINISTRATIVE**
11 **COSTS.**

12 (a) COST-REDUCTION REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
13 retary of Health and Human Services shall, using any au-
14 thorities otherwise available, take such actions as may be
15 necessary to ensure that, for each fiscal year beginning
16 after September 30, 1994, the total administrative costs
17 of the program described in part A of title IV of the Social
18 Security Act shall not exceed 50 percent of the total ad-
19 ministrative costs of that program (as then in effect) for
20 fiscal year 1992.

21 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
22 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary of Health and Human Services shall submit a writ-
24 ten report to Congress describing—

1 (1) the actions which have been or will be taken
2 in order to achieve timely compliance with subsection
3 (a);

4 (2) the procedures and criteria used in deter-
5 mining what actions to take, including the reasons
6 why each such action was chosen;

7 (3) the savings anticipated from each action de-
8 scribed under paragraph (1); and

9 (4) the methodologies and assumptions used in
10 connection with any computations under this section.

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