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To amend the Head Start Act to make quality improvements in Head Start by enhancing parental involvement and providing family literacy services; and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLING (for himself, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To amend the Head Start Act to make quality improvements in Head Start by enhancing parental involvement and providing family literacy services; 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Head Start Enhanced
5 Parental Involvement and Family Literacy Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN HEAD**
2 **START PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) ADMINISTRATION OF POLICY.—Section 636 of
4 the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831) is amended by add-
5 ing the following:

6 “(c) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary
7 of Health and Human Services shall take appropriate ac-
8 tions to ensure that comprehensive services are provided
9 to parents to become full partners in the education of their
10 children and shall seek the involvement of parents in such
11 services.”.

12 (b) PRIMARY FOCUS OF PROGRAMS.—Section 638(a)
13 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9833(a)), is amended—

14 (1) by striking “the children from”;

15 (2) by inserting “with children” after “low-in-
16 come families”; and

17 (3) by inserting before the period at the end the
18 following:

19 “, as well as involving such parents in activities to help
20 parents to become full partners in the education of their
21 children”.

22 (c) ACTIVITIES OF HEAD START AGENCIES.—(1)
23 Section 641(d) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836(d))
24 is amended—

25 (A) by amending paragraph (4) to read as fol-
26 lows:

1 “(4) the plan of such applicant—

2 “(A) to seek the involvement of parents of
3 participating children in activities designed to
4 help such parents become full partners in the
5 education of their children;

6 “(B) to provide (directly or through refer-
7 ral to local entities, such as Even Start pro-
8 grams) to parents of participating children—

9 “(i) family literacy services; and

10 “(ii) parenting skills training;

11 “(C) at the option of such applicant, to
12 provide (directly or through referral to local en-
13 tities) to such parents—

14 “(i) parental social self-sufficiency
15 training;

16 “(ii) substance abuse counseling;

17 “(iii) the opportunity to assist in the
18 operation of the proposed Head Start pro-
19 gram; or

20 “(iv) any other activity designed to
21 help such parents become full partners in
22 the education of their children; and

23 “(D) to provide, with respect to each par-
24 ticipating family, a family needs assessment
25 that includes consultation with such parents

1 about which of the activities described in sub-
2 paragraphs (B) and (C) would be most appro-
3 priate (taking into consideration their needs,
4 work schedules, and other responsibilities) for
5 their involvement;”;

6 (B) in paragraph (7) by inserting “and” at the
7 end;

8 (C) by striking paragraph (8); and

9 (D) by redesignating paragraph (9) and para-
10 graph (8).

11 (2) Section 642(b) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
12 9837(b)) is amended—

13 (A) by amending paragraph (4) to read as fol-
14 lows: “(4) seek the involvement of parents of partici-
15 pating children in activities designed to help such
16 parents become full partners in the education of
17 their children;”;

18 (B) in paragraph (5) by inserting “and” at the
19 end;

20 (C) by striking paragraph (6);

21 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (7) as
22 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

23 (E) by inserting after paragraph (4) the follow-
24 ing: “(5) provide (directly or through referral to
25 local entities, such as Even Start programs) to par-

1 ents of participating children family literacy services
2 and parenting skills training; (6) at the option of
3 such applicant, provide (directly or through referral
4 to local entities) to such parents parental social self-
5 sufficiency training, substance abuse counseling, the
6 opportunity to assist in the operation of the Head
7 Start program, or any other activity designed to help
8 such parents become full partners in the education
9 of their children; (7) provide, with respect to each
10 participating family, a family needs assessment that
11 includes consultation with such parents about which
12 of the activities described in paragraphs (5) and (6)
13 would be most appropriate (taking into consideration
14 their needs, work schedules, and other responsibil-
15 ities) for their involvement;”.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 Section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832)
18 is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(12) The term ‘family literacy services’ means
20 a unified program that combines interactive literacy
21 activities between parents and their children, train-
22 ing for parents on how to be their children’s primary
23 teacher and to be full partners in the education of
24 their children, parent literacy training, and early
25 childhood education.

1 “(13) The term ‘parent’ includes an individual
2 who is a guardian or custodian of a child.”.

3 **SEC. 4. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

4 Section 648 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9843)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) The Secretary shall provide appropriate training
7 and technical assistance for Head Start personnel engaged
8 in providing family literacy services, parenting skills train-
9 ing, and other parental involvement activities under para-
10 graphs (4), (5), (6), and (7) of section 642(b).”.

11 **SEC. 5. EVALUATION.**

12 Section 651(b) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
13 9846(b)) is amended—

14 (1) by inserting “(1)” after (b); and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) The extent of compliance with paragraphs (4),
17 (5), (6), and (7) of section 642(b) shall be considered in
18 deciding whether to renew or supplement financial assist-
19 ance authorized under this subchapter.”.

20 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

21 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
22 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
23 Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
24 Act.

1 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
2 ments made by this Act shall not apply with respect to
3 fiscal years beginning before October 1, 1994.

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