

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3896

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for demonstration projects to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority groups by preventing disease and death.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 1994

Miss COLLINS of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for demonstration projects to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority groups by preventing disease and death.

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 “Minority Health Pro-
5 motion and Disease Prevention Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

2 Title XVII of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 300u et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
4 1707 the following section:

5 “DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING MINORITY
6 HEALTH

7 “SEC. 1707A. (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 “(1) AUTHORITY FOR PROJECTS.—In providing
9 for demonstration projects under section 1707(b)(4),
10 the Secretary, acting through the Deputy Assistant
11 Secretary for Minority Health, may make grants to
12 public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose
13 of carrying out demonstration projects to provide
14 preventive health and health promotion services to
15 racial and ethnic minority groups.

16 “(2) PRIORITY REGARDING LOW-INCOME INDI-
17 VIDUALS.—Projects under paragraph (1) shall give
18 priority to low-income individuals.

19 “(3) ALLOCATION OF PROJECTS.—In making
20 the initial grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary
21 shall ensure that not less than 2 demonstration
22 projects under such paragraph are carried out in
23 urban, distressed communities and not less than 1
24 such project is carried out in a rural community.

25 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes for which a
2 grant under subsection (a) may be expended include
3 the following:

4 “(A) Planning, coordination and provision
5 of health promotion and disease prevention
6 community services, including screening, detec-
7 tion, diagnosis, and risk-reduction activities.

8 “(B) Improving the recognition, assess-
9 ment, treatment, and clinical management of
10 preventable diseases.

11 “(C) Developing and disseminating health
12 education materials and curricula for patients,
13 for elementary and secondary students and
14 their parents.

15 “(D) Designing self-help programs for par-
16 ticipants to improve his or her individual capac-
17 ities to maintain health and manage and pre-
18 vent illness and disease.

19 “(E) Providing technical assistance to pro-
20 viders.

21 “(2) RESTRICTIONS.—A grant under subsection
22 (a) may not be expended—

23 “(A) for construction of facilities; or

1 “(B) for the provision of services to indi-
2 viduals for benefits covered, or for costs that
3 are reimbursed, by other Federal programs.

4 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—Grantees shall be required
5 to—

6 “(1) submit an application assuring fulfillment
7 of the requirements of this section;

8 “(2) contribute 30 percent of the total project,
9 unless the Secretary waives such requirement upon
10 demonstration of extreme hardship or severe need;

11 “(3) develop a health assessment and health
12 promotion/disease prevention action plan, in con-
13 sultation with and with the agreement of, for each
14 person served;

15 “(4) develop a plan of self-sufficiency before the
16 third year under which the grantee would continue
17 the program without Federal funds;

18 “(5) provide assurance that funds will only be
19 used for the purposes specified in the application;
20 and

21 “(6) establish accounting procedures to assure
22 proper use or disbursement of funds.

23 “(d) EVALUATION.—Grants may be awarded for 3
24 years and may be renewed. For renewal, the Secretary
25 shall evaluate projects on the basis of their effectiveness

1 in reducing the incidence of disease and death among ra-
2 cial and ethnic minority groups.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
4 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
5 to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
6 1995 through 1997. Such authorization is in addition to
7 the authorization of appropriations available for such pur-
8 pose under section 1707.

9 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘preventive health and health
11 promotion services’ includes medical and medical-re-
12 lated services intended to promote health mainte-
13 nance, prevent illness, eliminate health hazards,
14 produce early detection of disease, and inhibit dete-
15 rioration of health.

16 “(2) The term ‘distressed community’ means a
17 community in which a high percentage of families
18 are low-income and there is pervasive poverty, as de-
19 fined by the United States Department of Labor,
20 and general economic distress.”.

○