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H. R. 1065

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to provide pregnant women with certificates to cover expenses incurred in receiving services at maternity and housing services facilities and to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance to nonprofit entities for the rehabilitation of existing structures for use as facilities to provide housing and services to pregnant women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 1995

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and, in addition, to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Health Care and Hous-
3 ing for Women and Children Act of 1995”.

4 **TITLE I—MATERNAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES**
5 **PROGRAM**

6 **SEC. 101. MATERNAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES FOR ELIGI-**
7 **BLE PREGNANT WOMEN.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF MATERNAL HEALTH CER-
9 TIFICATES FOR ELIGIBLE PREGNANT WOMEN.—Not later
10 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall estab-
12 lish a program to provide maternal health certificates for
13 eligible pregnant women to use to cover expenses incurred
14 in receiving services at a maternity and housing services
15 facility.

16 (b) ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—A pregnant woman is eligi-
18 ble to receive a maternal health certificate under the
19 program established under subsection (a) if the
20 woman—

21 (A) has an annual individual income (de-
22 termined without taking into account the in-
23 come of any parent or guardian of the individ-
24 ual) not greater than 175 percent of the income
25 official poverty line (as defined by the Office of
26 Management and Budget, and revised annually

1 in accordance with section 673(2) of the Omni-
2 bus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981) applica-
3 ble to such individual; and

4 (B) provides the Secretary with such other
5 information and assurances as the Secretary
6 may require.

7 (2) INCOME OF ESTRANGED SPOUSE NOT IN-
8 CLUDED.—In determining the income of an individ-
9 ual for purposes of paragraph (1)(A), there shall not
10 be included the income of a spouse if the spouse has
11 been living apart from the woman for not less than
12 6 months.

13 (3) PARTICIPATION IN AFDC PROGRAM NOT RE-
14 QUIRED.—An individual otherwise eligible to receive
15 a maternal health certificate under the program es-
16 tablished under subsection (a) shall not be found in-
17 eligible to receive such a certificate solely on the
18 grounds that the individual does not receive aid
19 under the State plan for aid to families with depend-
20 ent children under part A of title IV of the Social
21 Security Act.

22 (c) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT OF EXPENSES IN-
23 CURRED.—A certificate received under the program estab-
24 lished under subsection (a) may be used to cover an
25 amount of expenses incurred by an individual at a mater-

1 nity housing and services facility that does not exceed an
2 amount equal to—

3 (1) \$100; multiplied by

4 (2) the number of days during which such serv-
5 ices are provided to the individual at such facility.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

7 (1) MATERNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES FA-
8 CILITY.—The term “maternity and housing services
9 facility” means a nonprofit facility licensed or other-
10 wise approved by the State in which the facility is
11 located to serve as a residence for not fewer than 4
12 pregnant women during pregnancy and for a limited
13 period after the date on which the child carried dur-
14 ing the pregnancy is born, as the Secretary may de-
15 termine, that provides such pregnant women with
16 appropriate supportive services, which may include
17 the following supportive services:

18 (A) Room and board.

19 (B) Medical care (provided either at the
20 facility or off-site) for the woman and her child,
21 including prenatal, delivery, and post-delivery
22 care.

23 (C) Instruction and counseling regarding
24 future health care for the woman and her child.

1 (D) Nutrition services and nutrition coun-
2 seling.

3 (E) Counseling and education concerning
4 all aspects of prenatal care, childbirth, and
5 motherhood.

6 (F) General family counseling, including
7 child and family development counseling.

8 (G) Adoption counseling.

9 (H) Vocational and educational counseling
10 and services.

11 (I) Basic transportation services to enable
12 the woman to obtain services from the facility.

13 (2) PREGNANT WOMAN.—The term “pregnant
14 woman” means a woman determined to have one or
15 more fetuses in utero.

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated for maternal health cer-
20 tificates under this section—

21 (1) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;

22 (2) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 1997; and

23 (3) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 1998.

1 TITLE II—REHABILITATION GRANTS FOR MA-
2 TERNITY HOUSING AND SERVICES FACILI-
3 TIES

4 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
6 shall carry out a program to provide assistance under this
7 title to eligible nonprofit entities for rehabilitation of exist-
8 ing structures for use as facilities to provide housing and
9 services to pregnant women.

10 **SEC. 202. AUTHORITY AND APPLICATIONS.**

11 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may make grants
12 under the program under this title to eligible nonprofit
13 entities to rehabilitate existing structures for use as ma-
14 ternity housing and services facilities.

15 (b) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary may make grants
16 only to nonprofit entities that submit applications for
17 grants under this title in the form and manner that the
18 Secretary shall prescribe, which shall include assurances
19 that grant amounts will be used to provide a maternity
20 housing and services facility.

21 **SEC. 203. GRANT LIMITATIONS.**

22 (a) MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant under this
23 title may not be in an amount greater than \$1,000,000.
24 An eligible nonprofit entity may not receive more than 1
25 grant under this title in any fiscal year.

1 (b) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Secretary
2 may not make grants under this title to more than 100
3 eligible nonprofit entities in any fiscal year.

4 (c) USE OF GRANTS FOR REHABILITATION ACTIVI-
5 TIES.—Any eligible nonprofit entity that receives a grant
6 under this title shall use the grant amounts for the acqui-
7 sition or rehabilitation (or both) of existing structures for
8 use as a maternity housing and services facility, which
9 may include planning and development costs, professional
10 fees, and administrative costs related to such acquisition
11 or rehabilitation.

12 **SEC. 204. REPORTS.**

13 The Secretary shall require each eligible nonprofit en-
14 tity that receives a grant under this title to submit to the
15 Secretary a report, at such times and including such infor-
16 mation as the Secretary shall determine, describing the
17 activities carried out by the eligible nonprofit entity with
18 the grant amounts.

19 **SEC. 205. DEFINITIONS.**

20 For purposes of this title:

21 (1) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITIES.—The term
22 “eligible nonprofit entity” means any organization
23 that—

24 (A) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
25 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt

1 from taxation under subtitle A of such Code;
2 and

3 (B) has submitted an application under
4 section 702(b) for a grant under this title.

5 (2) MATERNITY HOUSING AND SERVICES FA-
6 CILITY.—The term “maternity housing and services
7 facility” means a facility licensed or otherwise ap-
8 proved by the State in which the facility is located
9 to serve as a residence for not fewer than 4 preg-
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11 (J) Any other appropriate supportive serv-
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14 woman” means a woman determined to have one or
15 more fetuses in utero.

16 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

18 **SEC. 206. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
20 this title \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, \$40,000,000
21 for fiscal year 1997, and \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1998.

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