

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1664

To provide for demonstration projects to test whether enrollment in the supplemental security income program can be significantly increased by offering nonprofit organizations financial incentives to engage in outreach.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 1995

Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO TEST WHETH-**
2 **ER SSI ENROLLMENT CAN BE INCREASED BY**
3 **OFFERING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FI-**
4 **NANCIAL INCENTIVES TO ENGAGE IN OUT-**
5 **REACH.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
7 1996, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
8 enter into two one-year contracts to test whether enroll-
9 ment in the supplemental security income program under
10 title XVI of the Social Security Act can be significantly
11 increased by offering private organizations financial incen-
12 tives to engage in outreach.

13 (b) TERMS OF CONTRACTS.—Each contract entered
14 into under this section shall obligate—

15 (1) a nonprofit organization to inform individ-
16 uals potentially eligible for supplemental security in-
17 come benefits of such potential eligibility, and to en-
18 courage such individuals to seek such benefits to as-
19 sist such individuals through the application process;
20 and

21 (2) the Secretary to pay the nonprofit organiza-
22 tion a sum certain for each individual who—

23 (A) before being contacted by the organiza-
24 tion, had not received supplemental security in-
25 come program under title XVI of the Social Se-
26 curity Act; and

1 (B) after being so contacted, receives such
2 benefits during the term of the contract.

3 (c) LOCATION OF PROJECTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—One demonstration project
5 under this section shall be conducted in an urban
6 area (as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the So-
7 cial Security Act) with a high rate of poverty, and
8 one demonstration project under this section shall be
9 conducted in a rural area (as defined in such sec-
10 tion) with a high rate of poverty.

11 (2) HIGH RATE OF POVERTY DEFINED.—As
12 used in paragraph (1), the term “high rate of pov-
13 erty” means, with respect to an area, that the pov-
14 erty rate of the area for the most recent month for
15 which such data is available is at least 150 percent
16 of the poverty rate for such period for the United
17 States as a whole.

18 (d) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Not later than
19 March 31, 1998, the Secretary of Health and Human
20 Services shall submit to the Congress a report on the re-
21 sults of the demonstration projects conducted under this
22 section, including—

23 (1) the per capita cost of enrolling individuals
24 in the supplemental security income program under

1 title XVI of the Social Security Act through the
2 projects as compared to other outreach methods; and
3 (2) the percentage increase in enrollment of
4 residents of the areas in which the projects are con-
5 ducted in the supplemental security income program
6 under title XVI of the Social Security Act due to the
7 projects as compared to the percentage increase in
8 enrollment in such program due to other outreach
9 methods.

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