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To provide grants for demonstration projects to coordinate the administration of services to needy families with children.

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DE LUGO, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. ENGEL, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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5 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This Act may be cited as the “Family Service Center
7 Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS TO COORDINATE THE**
2 **ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICES TO NEEDY**
3 **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to coordinate the admin-
5 istration of programs that provide services to needy fami-
6 lies with children, the Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services (in this section referred to as “the Secretary”)
8 may authorize States to conduct demonstration projects
9 in accordance with this section.

10 (b) **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT.**—Each State desiring
11 to conduct a demonstration project under this section may
12 submit to the Secretary an application that contains a de-
13 scription of the measures to be employed to coordinate the
14 administration of the following programs:

15 (1) **AFDC PROGRAM.**—The program of aid and
16 services for needy families with children under the
17 State plan approved under part A of title IV of the
18 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

19 (2) **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PRO-**
20 **GRAM.**—The child support enforcement program car-
21 ried out under the State plan approved under part
22 D of title IV of the Social Security Act.

23 (3) **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.**—The food stamp
24 program, as defined in section 3(h) of the Food
25 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(h)).

1 (4) WIC PROGRAM.—The special supplemental
2 food program for women, infants, and children au-
3 thorized under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act
4 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

5 (5) MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK
6 GRANT PROGRAM.—The maternal and child health
7 block grant program under title V of the Social Se-
8 curity Act.

9 (6) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Medical assistance
10 furnished under the State plan approved under title
11 XIX of the Social Security Act.

12 (7) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PRO-
13 GRAMS.—Substance abuse treatment programs
14 under title V of the Public Health Service Act and
15 subpart II of part B of title XIX of such Act.

16 (8) JOBS PROGRAMS.—Programs under the Job
17 Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.)
18 and other Federal job training programs.

19 (9) MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.—Mental
20 health service programs under title V of the Public
21 Health Service Act and subpart I of part B of title
22 XIX of such Act.

23 (10) HOUSING PROGRAMS.—Programs for hous-
24 ing assistance administered by the Secretary of

1 Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of
2 Agriculture.

3 (11) PROGRAMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY
4 DISABLED.—Programs for developmentally disabled
5 individuals under the Developmental Disabilities As-
6 sistance and Bill of Rights Act.

7 (12) OTHER PROGRAMS.—Any other program
8 administered by the State, which offers services for
9 children, youth, or needy families with children, that
10 the State considers appropriate to include in the
11 demonstration project.

12 (c) PROJECTS AIMED AT A DIVERSITY OF CLI-
13 ENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure that, as a group, the
14 demonstration projects authorized to be conducted under
15 this section serve urban, rural, and linguistically and cul-
16 turally diverse clients and include the broadest possible
17 range of services.

18 (d) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—Each State author-
19 ized to conduct a demonstration project under this section
20 shall—

21 (1) ensure that the project provides—

22 (A) each client with a single place and or-
23 ganization providing access to, and information
24 and counseling about, the services offered by
25 the programs described in subsection (b);

1 (B) access points in clients' neighborhoods
2 for communication with service providers re-
3 garding their applications and benefits through
4 electronic data processing and communications
5 technology; and

6 (C) approaches to integrating the adminis-
7 tration of services that are linguistically and
8 culturally appropriate to the clientele of the
9 project; and

10 (2) conduct the project in accordance with such
11 other requirements as the Secretary may prescribe.

12 (e) GRANTS; DURATION OF PROJECTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make
14 grants to each State whose application to conduct a
15 demonstration project under this subsection is ap-
16 proved by the Secretary, to assist the State in carry-
17 ing out the project for a period of not more than 3
18 years.

19 (2) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may extend for
20 not more than 3 additional years the authority to
21 conduct any demonstration project under this sec-
22 tion, upon approval by the Secretary based on the
23 effectiveness of the project in achieving the objec-
24 tives of this section.

1 (3) TIMING OF GRANT PAYMENTS.—The Sec-
2 retary may pay grants under this section in advance
3 or in installments, as the Secretary determines ap-
4 propriate.

5 (f) STATE EVALUATION OF PROJECT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State that conducts a
7 demonstration project under this section shall, as a
8 part of the project—

9 (A) conduct an evaluation of the effective-
10 ness and outcomes of the project in improving
11 the coordination and delivery, and in reducing
12 the administrative costs, of services to needy
13 families with children; and

14 (B) cooperate with the Secretary in the
15 conduct of national evaluations of the effective-
16 ness and cost savings of all such demonstration
17 projects.

18 (2) REPORT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each State authorized
20 to conduct a demonstration project under this
21 section shall submit to the Secretary a report
22 on the results of the evaluation described in
23 paragraph (1).

24 (B) TIMING.—The report required by sub-
25 paragraph (A) with respect to a demonstration

1 project shall be submitted within 6 months
2 after the earlier of—

3 (i) the completion of the project; or

4 (ii) the end of the 3-year period that
5 begins with the commencement of the
6 project.

7 (g) STATE REPORT ON IMPEDIMENTS TO DELIVERY
8 OF SERVICES, AND ON MEASURES TAKEN TO ELIMINATE
9 OR REDUCE SUCH IMPEDIMENTS.—Each State authorized
10 to conduct a demonstration project under this section shall
11 submit to the Secretary at such time as the Secretary may
12 prescribe a report that describes—

13 (1) the administrative policies and laws of the
14 Federal Government and of the State or of a politi-
15 cal subdivision of the State, that the State has iden-
16 tified as impediments to the coordination of the de-
17 livery of services to needy families with children; and

18 (2) the measures that the State has taken or
19 intends to take to eliminate or reduce the impedi-
20 ments described in paragraph (1) that are attrib-
21 utable to administrative policies and laws of the
22 State or of a political subdivision of the State.

23 (h) FEDERAL EVALUATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
25 evaluations of the implementation and outcomes of

1 the demonstration projects authorized under this
2 section.

3 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years
4 after the date of the enactment of this section, and
5 annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
6 the Congress a report the results of the evaluations
7 conducted under paragraph (1) that includes the
8 recommendations of the Secretary as to any statu-
9 tory changes that would improve integration of serv-
10 ices provided through programs included in the dem-
11 onstration projects conducted under this section.

12 (3) FUNDING.—The Secretary may reserve up
13 to 5 percent of the amounts appropriated for grants
14 under this section for the purpose of conducting and
15 reporting on evaluations of the demonstration
16 projects authorized under this section.

17 (i) NO WAIVER AUTHORITY.—This section shall not
18 be construed to authorize the Secretary or appropriate
19 agency head to waive or modify any requirement of any
20 program described in subsection (b).

21 (j) STATE DEFINED.—As used in this section, the
22 term “State” includes the several States, the District of
23 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Com-
24 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the United

- 1 States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
- 2 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

