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# H. R. 3555

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award on a competitive basis grants to public and private entities to establish or expand teenage pregnancy prevention programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HARMAN (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. LEE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award on a competitive basis grants to public and private entities to establish or expand teenage pregnancy prevention programs.

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 “Responsible Funding  
5 to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION.**

2 The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et  
3 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 **“TITLE XXIX—TEENAGE**  
5 **PREGNANCY PREVENTION**

6 **“SEC. 2901. TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANTS.**

7 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary may award on a  
8 competitive basis grants to public and private entities to  
9 establish or expand teenage pregnancy prevention pro-  
10 grams.

11 “(b) **GRANT RECIPIENTS.**—Grant recipients under  
12 this section may include State and local not-for-profit coa-  
13 litions working to prevent teenage pregnancy, State, local,  
14 and tribal agencies, schools, entities that provide after-  
15 school programs, and community and faith-based groups.

16 “(c) **PRIORITY.**—In selecting grant recipients under  
17 this section, the Secretary shall give—

18 “(1) highest priority to applicants seeking as-  
19 sistance for programs targeting communities or pop-  
20 ulations in which—

21 “(A) teenage pregnancy or birth rates are  
22 higher than the corresponding State average; or

23 “(B) teenage pregnancy or birth rates are  
24 increasing; and

25 “(2) priority to applicants seeking assistance  
26 for programs that—

1           “(A) will benefit underserved or at-risk  
2           populations such as young males or immigrant  
3           youths; or

4           “(B) will take advantage of other available  
5           resources and be coordinated with other pro-  
6           grams that serve youth, such as workforce de-  
7           velopment and afterschool programs.

8           “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds received by an entity  
9           as a grant under this section shall be used for programs  
10          that—

11           “(1) replicate or substantially incorporate the  
12           elements of one or more teenage pregnancy preven-  
13           tion programs that have been proven (on the basis  
14           of rigorous scientific research) to delay sexual inter-  
15           course or sexual activity, increase condom or contra-  
16           ceptive use (without increasing sexual activity), or  
17           reduce teenage pregnancy; and

18           “(2) incorporate one or more of the following  
19           strategies for preventing teenage pregnancy: encour-  
20           aging teenagers to delay sexual activity; sex and  
21           HIV education; interventions for sexually active  
22           teenagers; preventive health services; youth develop-  
23           ment programs; service learning programs; and out-  
24           reach or media programs.

1       “(e) COMPLETE INFORMATION.—Programs receiving  
2 funds under this section that focus on instruction that in-  
3 cludes discussion of human sexuality and reproduction  
4 shall provide information that is medically accurate in re-  
5 gard to the health benefits and side effects of all contra-  
6 ceptives and barrier methods as a means to reduce the  
7 risk of unintended pregnancy and contracting sexually  
8 transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

9       “(f) APPLICATIONS.—Each entity seeking a grant  
10 under this section shall submit an application to the Sec-  
11 retary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary  
12 may require.

13       “(g) MATCHING FUNDS.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not  
15 award a grant to an applicant for a program under  
16 this section unless the applicant demonstrates that  
17 it will pay, from funds derived from non-Federal  
18 sources, at least 25 percent of the cost of the pro-  
19 gram.

20               “(2) APPLICANT’S SHARE.—The applicant’s  
21 share of the cost of a program shall be provided in  
22 cash or in kind.

23       “(h) SUPPLEMENTATION OF FUNDS.—An entity that  
24 receives funds as a grant under this section shall use the  
25 funds to supplement and not supplant funds that would

1 otherwise be available to the entity for teenage pregnancy  
2 prevention.

3 “(i) EVALUATIONS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

5 “(A) conduct or provide for a rigorous  
6 evaluation of 10 percent of programs for which  
7 a grant is awarded under this section;

8 “(B) collect basic data on each program  
9 for which a grant is awarded under this section;  
10 and

11 “(C) upon completion of the evaluations  
12 referred to in subparagraph (A), submit to the  
13 Congress a report that includes a detailed state-  
14 ment on the effectiveness of grants under this  
15 section.

16 “(2) COOPERATION BY GRANTEES.—Each grant  
17 recipient under this section shall provide such infor-  
18 mation and cooperation as may be required for an  
19 evaluation under paragraph (1).

20 “(j) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

21 “(1) The term ‘medically accurate’, with respect  
22 to information, means information that is supported  
23 by research, recognized as accurate and objective by  
24 leading medical, psychological, psychiatric, and pub-

1       lic health organizations and agencies, and where rel-  
2       evant, published in peer review journals.

3               “(2) The term ‘rigorous scientific research’  
4       means based on a program evaluation that:

5                       “(A) Measured impact on sexual or contra-  
6       ceptive behavior, pregnancy or childbearing.

7                       “(B) Employed an experimental or quasi-  
8       experimental design with well-constructed and  
9       appropriate comparison groups.

10                      “(C) Had a sample size large enough (at  
11       least 100 in the combined treatment and con-  
12       trol group) and a follow-up interval long enough  
13       (at least six months) to draw valid conclusions  
14       about impact.

15               “(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16       are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
17       \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such sums as may  
18       be necessary thereafter. In addition, there are authorized  
19       to be appropriated for evaluations under subsection (i)  
20       such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006 and  
21       each fiscal year thereafter.”.

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