

# ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*December 9 (legislative day, December 8), 2006.*

*Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 707) entitled “An Act to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity”, do pass with the following*

## **AMENDMENT:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Prematurity Research*  
3 *Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants*  
4 *Early Act” or the “PREEMIE Act”.*

5 ***SEC. 2. PURPOSE.***

6 *It the purpose of this Act to—*

7 *(1) reduce rates of preterm labor and delivery;*

8 *(2) work toward an evidence-based standard of*  
9 *care for pregnant women at risk of preterm labor or*  
10 *other serious complications, and for infants born*  
11 *preterm and at a low birthweight; and*

12 *(3) reduce infant mortality and disabilities*  
13 *caused by prematurity.*

1 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH RELATING TO PRETERM LABOR AND DE-**  
2 **LIVERY AND THE CARE, TREATMENT, AND**  
3 **OUTCOMES OF PRETERM AND LOW BIRTH-**  
4 **WEIGHT INFANTS.**

5 (a) *GENERAL EXPANSION OF CDC RESEARCH.*—Sec-  
6 *tion 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241*  
7 *et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

8 “(e) *The Secretary, acting through the Director of the*  
9 *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall expand,*  
10 *intensify, and coordinate the activities of the Centers for*  
11 *Disease Control and Prevention with respect to preterm*  
12 *labor and delivery and infant mortality.”.*

13 (b) *STUDIES ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRE-*  
14 *MATURITY AND BIRTH DEFECTS.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Health and*  
16 *Human Services, acting through the Director of the*  
17 *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall,*  
18 *subject to the availability of appropriations, conduct*  
19 *ongoing epidemiological studies on the relationship*  
20 *between prematurity, birth defects, and developmental*  
21 *disabilities.*

22 (2) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 2 years after the*  
23 *date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-*  
24 *after, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,*  
25 *acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease*  
26 *Control and Prevention, shall submit to the appro-*

1        *appropriate committees of Congress reports concerning the*  
2        *progress and any results of studies conducted under*  
3        *paragraph (1).*

4        *(c) PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SUR-*  
5        *VEY.—*

6                *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and*  
7        *Human Services, acting through the Director of the*  
8        *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall es-*  
9        *tablish systems for the collection of maternal-infant*  
10       *clinical and biomedical information, including elec-*  
11       *tronic health records, electronic databases, and*  
12       *biobanks, to link with the Pregnancy Risk Assessment*  
13       *Monitoring System (PRAMS) and other epidemiolog-*  
14       *ical studies of prematurity in order to track preg-*  
15       *nancy outcomes and prevent preterm birth.*

16               *(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—*  
17       *There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out*  
18       *paragraph (1) \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years*  
19       *2007 through 2011.*

20               *(d) EVALUATION OF EXISTING TOOLS AND MEAS-*  
21       *URES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall*  
22       *review existing tools and measures to ensure that such tools*  
23       *and measures include information related to the known risk*  
24       *factors of low birth weight and preterm birth.*

1       (e) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There is*  
2 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, ex-*  
3 *cept for subsection (c), \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years*  
4 *2007 through 2011.*

5 **SEC. 4. PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION**  
6 **AND SUPPORT SERVICES.**

7       *Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act*  
8 *(42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended—*

9           (1) *by redesignating the second section 399O (re-*  
10 *lating to grants to foster public health responses to*  
11 *domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and*  
12 *stalking) as section 399P; and*

13           (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

14 **“SEC. 399Q. PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDU-**  
15 **CATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.**

16       “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, directly or through*  
17 *the awarding of grants to public or private nonprofit enti-*  
18 *ties, may conduct demonstration projects for the purpose*  
19 *of improving the provision of information on prematurity*  
20 *to health professionals and other health care providers and*  
21 *the public and improving the treatment and outcomes for*  
22 *babies born preterm.*

23       “(b) *ACTIVITIES.*—*Activities to be carried out under*  
24 *the demonstration project under subsection (a) may include*  
25 *the establishment of—*

1           “(1) programs to test and evaluate various strat-  
2           egies to provide information and education to health  
3           professionals, other health care providers, and the  
4           public concerning—

5                   “(A) the signs of preterm labor, updated as  
6                   new research results become available;

7                   “(B) the screening for and the treating of  
8                   infections;

9                   “(c) counseling on optimal weight and good  
10                  nutrition, including folic acid;

11                  “(D) smoking cessation education and coun-  
12                  seling;

13                  “(E) stress management; and

14                  “(F) appropriate prenatal care;

15           “(2) programs to improve the treatment and out-  
16           comes for babies born premature, including the use of  
17           evidence-based standards of care by health care profes-  
18           sionals for pregnant women at risk of preterm labor  
19           or other serious complications and for infants born  
20           preterm and at a low birthweight;

21           “(3) programs to respond to the informational  
22           needs of families during the stay of an infant in a  
23           neonatal intensive care unit, during the transition of  
24           the infant to the home, and in the event of a newborn  
25           death; and



1           (1) *annually report to the Secretary of Health*  
2 *and Human Services and Congress on current De-*  
3 *partmental activities relating to prematurity and low*  
4 *birthweight;*

5           (2) *carry out other activities determined appro-*  
6 *priate by the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-*  
7 *ices; and*

8           (3) *oversee the coordination of the implementa-*  
9 *tion of this Act.*

10 **SEC. 6. SURGEON GENERAL'S CONFERENCE ON PRETERM**  
11 **BIRTH.**

12           (a) *CONVENING OF CONFERENCE.*—*Not later than 1*  
13 *year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
14 *of Health and Human Services, acting through the Surgeon*  
15 *General of the Public Health Service, shall convene a con-*  
16 *ference on preterm birth.*

17           (b) *PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE.*—*The purpose of the*  
18 *conference convened under subsection (a) shall be to—*

19           (1) *increase awareness of preterm birth as a seri-*  
20 *ous, common, and costly public health problem in the*  
21 *United States;*

22           (2) *review the findings and reports issued by the*  
23 *Interagency Coordinating Council, key stakeholders,*  
24 *and any other relevant entities; and*



- 1 2007 to carry out the Head Start Act, whichever date is
- 2 earlier.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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**AMENDMENTS**