

1935, ch. 531, title V, as added July 30, 1965, Pub. L. 89-97, title II, §205(3), 79 Stat. 354 (formerly classified to section 729-1 of this title), prior to the general amendment and renumbering of title V of act Aug. 14, 1935, by Pub. L. 90-248, §301.

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 101-239, §6505(1), inserted before semicolon at end “and in developing consistent and accurate data collection mechanisms in order to report the information required under section 706(a)(2) of this title”.

Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 101-239, §6503(c)(4), substituted “705(a)” for “705”.

Subsec. (a)(7), (8). Pub. L. 101-239, §6505(2)-(4), added pars. (7) and (8).

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-272 substituted “children with special health care needs” for “crippled children”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 6503(c)(4) of Pub. L. 101-239 applicable to payments for allotments for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1991, and amendment by section 6505 of Pub. L. 101-239 applicable to appropriations for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1990, see section 6510(a), (b)(1) of Pub. L. 101-239, set out as a note under section 701 of this title.

REPORT TO CONGRESS; EVALUATION OF PROGRAM

Pub. L. 89-97, title II, §206, July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 354, authorized Secretary to submit to President for transmission to Congress before July 1, 1969, a full report of administration of provisions of section 729-1 of this title, which was covered by former sections 701, 702(1)(B), and 709 of this title, together with an evaluation of program established thereby and his recommendations as to continuation of and modifications in that program.

§ 710. Separate program for abstinence education

(a) In general

For the purpose described in subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall, for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2015, allot to each State which has transmitted an application for the fiscal year under section 705(a) of this title an amount equal to the product of—

- (1) the amount appropriated in subsection (d) of this section for the fiscal year; and
- (2) the percentage determined for the State under section 702(c)(1)(B)(ii) of this title.

(b) Purpose of allotment

(1) The purpose of an allotment under subsection (a) of this section to a State is to enable the State to provide abstinence education, and at the option of the State, where appropriate, mentoring, counseling, and adult supervision to promote abstinence from sexual activity, with a focus on those groups which are most likely to bear children out-of-wedlock.

(2) For purposes of this section, the term “abstinence education” means an educational or motivational program which—

- (A) has as its exclusive purpose, teaching the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity;
- (B) teaches abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage as the expected standard for all school age children;
- (C) teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems;

(D) teaches that a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in context of marriage is the expected standard of human sexual activity;

(E) teaches that sexual activity outside of the context of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects;

(F) teaches that bearing children out-of-wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child’s parents, and society;

(G) teaches young people how to reject sexual advances and how alcohol and drug use increases vulnerability to sexual advances; and

(H) teaches the importance of attaining self-sufficiency before engaging in sexual activity.

(c) Applicability of sections 703, 707, and 708

(1) Sections 703, 707, and 708 of this title apply to allotments under subsection (a) of this section to the same extent and in the same manner as such sections apply to allotments under section 702(c) of this title.

(2) Sections 705 and 706 of this title apply to allotments under subsection (a) of this section to the extent determined by the Secretary to be appropriate.

(d) Appropriations

For the purpose of allotments under subsection (a) of this section, there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an additional \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2015. The appropriation under the preceding sentence for a fiscal year is made on October 1 of the fiscal year (except that such appropriation shall be made on March 23, 2010, in the case of fiscal year 2010).

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title V, §510, as added Pub. L. 104-193, title IX, §912, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2353; amended Pub. L. 108-40, §6, June 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 837; Pub. L. 111-148, title II, §2954, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 352; Pub. L. 113-93, title II, §205, Apr. 1, 2014, 128 Stat. 1046.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 710, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title V, §510, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title III, §301, 81 Stat. 927; amended July 10, 1972, Pub. L. 92-345, §2(f), 86 Stat. 457; July 1, 1973, Pub. L. 93-53, §4(a)(8), 87 Stat. 136, provided for special project grants for dental health of children, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 97-35, title XXI, §2192(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 818. For effective date, savings, and transitional provisions, see section 2194 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 701 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsecs. (a), (d). Pub. L. 113-93 substituted “2015” for “2014”.

2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-148, §2954(1), substituted “each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014” for “fiscal year 1998 and each subsequent fiscal year”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-148, §2954(2), substituted “2010 through 2014” for “1998 through 2003” in first sentence and inserted “(except that such appropriation shall be made on March 23, 2010, in the case of fiscal year 2010)” before period at end of second sentence.

2003—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-40 substituted “2003” for “2002”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-40 effective July 1, 2003, see section 8 of Pub. L. 108-40, set out as a note under section 603 of this title.

ESTABLISHING NATIONAL GOALS TO PREVENT TEENAGE PREGNANCIES

Pub. L. 104-193, title IX, §905, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2349, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 1997, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish and implement a strategy for—

“(1) preventing out-of-wedlock teenage pregnancies, and

“(2) assuring that at least 25 percent of the communities in the United States have teenage pregnancy prevention programs in place.

“(b) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 1998, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall report to the Congress with respect to the progress that has been made in meeting the goals described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).”

§ 711. Maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs

(a) Purposes

The purposes of this section are—

(1) to strengthen and improve the programs and activities carried out under this subchapter;

(2) to improve coordination of services for at risk communities; and

(3) to identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for families who reside in at risk communities.

(b) Requirement for all States to assess statewide needs and identify at risk communities

(1) In general

Not later than 6 months after March 23, 2010, each State shall, as a condition of receiving payments from an allotment for the State under section 702 of this title for fiscal year 2011, conduct a statewide needs assessment (which shall be separate from the statewide needs assessment required under section 705(a) of this title) that identifies—

(A) communities with concentrations of—

(i) premature birth, low-birth weight infants, and infant mortality, including infant death due to neglect, or other indicators of at-risk prenatal, maternal, newborn, or child health;

(ii) poverty;

(iii) crime;

(iv) domestic violence;

(v) high rates of high-school drop-outs;

(vi) substance abuse;

(vii) unemployment; or

(viii) child maltreatment;

(B) the quality and capacity of existing programs or initiatives for early childhood home visitation in the State including—

(i) the number and types of individuals and families who are receiving services under such programs or initiatives;

(ii) the gaps in early childhood home visitation in the State; and

(iii) the extent to which such programs or initiatives are meeting the needs of eligible families described in subsection (k)(2); and

(C) the State’s capacity for providing substance abuse treatment and counseling services to individuals and families in need of such treatment or services.

(2) Coordination with other assessments

In conducting the statewide needs assessment required under paragraph (1), the State shall coordinate with, and take into account, other appropriate needs assessments conducted by the State, as determined by the Secretary, including the needs assessment required under section 705(a) of this title (both the most recently completed assessment and any such assessment in progress), the communitywide strategic planning and needs assessments conducted in accordance with section 9835(g)(1)(C) of this title, and the inventory of current unmet needs and current community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and other family resource services operating in the State required under section 205(3) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act [42 U.S.C. 5116d(3)].

(3) Submission to the Secretary

Each State shall submit to the Secretary, in such form and manner as the Secretary shall require—

(A) the results of the statewide needs assessment required under paragraph (1); and

(B) a description of how the State intends to address needs identified by the assessment, particularly with respect to communities identified under paragraph (1)(A), which may include applying for a grant to conduct an early childhood home visitation program in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(c) Grants for early childhood home visitation programs

(1) Authority to make grants

In addition to any other payments made under this subchapter to a State, the Secretary shall make grants to eligible entities to enable the entities to deliver services under early childhood home visitation programs that satisfy the requirements of subsection (d) to eligible families in order to promote improvements in maternal and prenatal health, infant health, child health and development, parenting related to child development outcomes, school readiness, and the socioeconomic status of such families, and reductions in child abuse, neglect, and injuries.

(2) Authority to use initial grant funds for planning or implementation

An eligible entity that receives a grant under paragraph (1) may use a portion of the funds made available to the entity during the first 6 months of the period for which the grant is made for planning or implementation activities to assist with the establishment of early childhood home visitation programs that satisfy the requirements of subsection (d).

(3) Grant duration

The Secretary shall determine the period of years for which a grant is made to an eligible entity under paragraph (1).

(4) Technical assistance

The Secretary shall provide an eligible entity that receives a grant under paragraph (1)