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# H. R. 3470

[Report No. 111-609]

To authorize funding for the creation and implementation of infant mortality pilot programs in standard metropolitan statistical areas with high rates of infant mortality, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2009

Mr. COHEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Additional sponsors: Mr. CONYERS, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. MCCOLLUM

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 31, 2009]

# **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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        *This Act may be cited as the “Nationally Enhancing*  
5 *the Wellbeing of Babies through Outreach and Research*  
6 *Now Act” or the “NEWBORN Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. INFANT MORTALITY PILOT PROGRAMS.**

8        *Section 330H of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
9 *U.S.C. 254c–8) is amended—*

10            *(1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*  
11 *(f);*

12            *(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-*  
13 *lowing:*

14            *“(e) INFANT MORTALITY PILOT PROGRAMS.—*

15                    *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting*  
16 *through the Administrator, shall award grants to eli-*  
17 *gible entities to create, implement, and oversee infant*  
18 *mortality pilot programs.*

19                    *“(2) PERIOD OF A GRANT.—The period of a*  
20 *grant under this subsection shall be 5 consecutive fis-*  
21 *cal years.*

22                    *“(3) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under*  
23 *this subsection, the Secretary shall give preference to*  
24 *eligible entities proposing to serve any of the 15 coun-*  
25 *ties or groups of counties with the highest rates of in-*

1 *fant mortality in the United States in the past 3*  
2 *years.*

3 “(4) *USE OF FUNDS.—Any infant mortality*  
4 *pilot program funded under this subsection may—*

5 “(A) *include the development of a plan that*  
6 *identifies the individual needs of each commu-*  
7 *nity to be served and strategies to address those*  
8 *needs;*

9 “(B) *provide outreach to at-risk mothers*  
10 *through programs deemed appropriate by the*  
11 *Administrator;*

12 “(C) *develop and implement standardized*  
13 *systems for improved access, utilization, and*  
14 *quality of social, educational, and clinical serv-*  
15 *ices to promote healthy pregnancies, full-term*  
16 *births, and healthy infancies delivered to women*  
17 *and their infants, such as—*

18 “(i) *counseling on infant care, feeding,*  
19 *and parenting;*

20 “(ii) *postpartum care;*

21 “(iii) *prevention of premature delivery;*

22 *and*

23 “(iv) *additional counseling for at-risk*  
24 *mothers, including smoking cessation pro-*  
25 *grams, drug treatment programs, alcohol*

1           *treatment programs, nutrition and physical*  
2           *activity programs, postpartum depression*  
3           *and domestic violence programs, social and*  
4           *psychological services, dental care, and par-*  
5           *enting programs;*

6           “(D) *establish a rural outreach program to*  
7           *provide care to at-risk mothers in rural areas;*

8           “(E) *establish a regional public education*  
9           *campaign, including a campaign to—*

10                   “(i) *prevent preterm births; and*

11                   “(ii) *educate the public about infant*  
12                   *mortality; and*

13           “(F) *provide for any other activities, pro-*  
14           *grams, or strategies as identified by the commu-*  
15           *nity plan.*

16           “(5) *LIMITATION.—Of the funds received through*  
17           *a grant under this subsection for a fiscal year, an eli-*  
18           *gible entity shall not use more than 10 percent for*  
19           *program evaluation.*

20           “(6) *REPORTS ON PILOT PROGRAMS.—*

21                   “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year*  
22                   *after receiving a grant, and annually thereafter*  
23                   *for the duration of the grant period, each entity*  
24                   *that receives a grant under paragraph (1) shall*

1           *submit a report to the Secretary detailing its in-*  
2           *fant mortality pilot program.*

3           “(B) *CONTENTS OF REPORT.*—*The reports*  
4           *required under subparagraph (A) shall include*  
5           *information such as the methodology of, and out-*  
6           *comes and statistics from, the grantee’s infant*  
7           *mortality pilot program.*

8           “(C) *EVALUATION.*—*The Secretary shall use*  
9           *the reports required under subparagraph (A) to*  
10          *evaluate, and conduct statistical research on, in-*  
11          *fant mortality pilot programs funded through*  
12          *this subsection.*

13          “(7) *DEFINITIONS.*—*For the purposes of this*  
14          *subsection:*

15                 “(A) *ADMINISTRATOR.*—*The term ‘Adminis-*  
16                 *trator’ means the Administrator of the Health*  
17                 *Resources and Services Administration.*

18                 “(B) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.*—*The term ‘eligible*  
19                 *entity’ means a State, county, city, territorial,*  
20                 *or tribal health department that has submitted a*  
21                 *proposal to the Secretary that the Secretary*  
22                 *deems likely to reduce infant mortality rates*  
23                 *within the standard metropolitan statistical area*  
24                 *involved.*

1           “(C) *TRIBAL*.—The term ‘tribal’ refers to an  
2           Indian tribe, a Tribal organization, or an Urban  
3           Indian organization, as such terms are defined  
4           in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improve-  
5           ment Act.”; and

6           (3) by amending subsection (f), as so redesign-  
7           nated—

8           (A) in paragraph (1)—

9           (i) by amending the paragraph head-  
10          ing to read: “*HEALTHY START INITIATIVE*”;  
11          and

12          (ii) by inserting after “carrying out  
13          this section” the following: “(other than sub-  
14          section (e))”;

15          (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
16          paragraph (3);

17          (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
18          lowing:

19          “(2) *INFANT MORTALITY PILOT PROGRAMS*.—To  
20          carry out subsection (e), there is authorized to be ap-  
21          propriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011  
22          through 2015.”; and

23          (D) in paragraph (3)(A), as so redesign-  
24          nated, by striking “the program under this sec-

1            *tion” and inserting “the program under sub-*  
2            *section (a)”.*





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