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To amend the Head Start Act to expand services provided by Head Start programs; to expand the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reduce the amount of matching funds required to be provided by particular Head Start agencies; to authorize the purchase of Head Start facilities; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Head Start Improvement Act of 1992".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.

(a) ALLOTMENT OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.—Section 640(a)(3)(B) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(a)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clauses (i) and (iii) by striking "and second" and inserting " , second, and third", and

(2) in clause (ii) by striking "second" and inserting "third".

(b) PARENTAL SKILLS.—Section 640(a)(4)(B)(i)(II) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(a)(4)(B)(i)(II)) is amended by inserting " , literacy," after "skills".

(c) REDUCTION OF REQUIRED AMOUNT OF MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 640(b) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(b)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by striking " , in accordance with regulations establishing objective criteria," , and

(2) by inserting after the first sentence the following:

"For the purpose of making such determination, the Secretary shall take into consideration with respect to the Head Start program involved—

"(1) the lack of resources available in the community that may prevent the Head Start agency from providing all or a portion of the non-Federal contribution that may be required under this subsection;

"(2) the impact of the cost the Head Start agency may incur in initial years it carries out such program;

"(3) the impact of an unanticipated increase in the cost the Head Start agency may incur to carry out such program;

"(4) whether the Head Start agency is located in a community adversely affected by a major disaster; and

"(5) the impact on the community that would result if the Head Start agency ceased to carry out such program."

(d) ISSUANCE OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REGULATIONS.—Section 640 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(i) The Secretary shall issue regulations establishing requirements for the safety features, and the safe operation, of vehicles

used by Head Start agencies to transport children participating in Head Start programs.”

(e) **LOSS OF PRIORITY.**—(1) Section 641(c)(1) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836(c)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the Secretary shall not give such priority to any agency with respect to which financial assistance has been terminated, or an application for refunding has been denied, under this subchapter by the Secretary after affording such agency reasonable notice and opportunity for a full and fair hearing in accordance with section 646(a)(3).”

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply only with respect to terminations of financial assistance, and denials of refunding, occurring after July 29, 1992.

(f) **REVIEW OF HEAD START AGENCIES.**—Section 641(c)(2) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after “(2)”, and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) The Secretary shall conduct a review of each newly designated Head Start agency immediately after the completion of the first year such agency carries out a Head Start program.

“(C) The Secretary shall conduct followup reviews of Head Start agencies when appropriate.”

(g) **DESIGNATION OF HEAD START AGENCIES.**—Section 641(d) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6) by striking “and” at the end,

(2) in paragraph (7) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon, and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) the plan of such applicant to provide (directly or through referral to educational services available in the community) parents of children who will participate in the proposed Head Start program with child development and literacy skills training in order to aid their children to attain their full potential; and

“(9) the plan of such applicant who chooses to assist younger siblings of children who will participate in the proposed Head Start program to obtain health services from other sources.”

(h) **INTERIM GRANTEE.**—Section 641 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e) by striking “(c) and (d)” and inserting “(c), (d), and (e)”,

(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (f) and (g), respectively, and

(3) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) If, in a community served by a Head Start program, there is no applicant qualified for designation as a Head Start agency to carry out such program, the Secretary may appoint an interim grantee to carry out such program until a qualified applicant is so designated.”

(i) **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF HEAD START AGENCIES.**—Section 642(b) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and (5)” and inserting “(5)”, and

(2) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “; (6) provide (directly or through referral to educational services available in the community) parents of children participating in

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its Head Start program with child development and literacy skills training in order to aid their children to attain their full potential; and (7) consider providing services to assist younger siblings of children participating in its Head Start program to obtain health services from other sources.”.

(j) ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS.—Section 644 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9839) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b) by striking “No” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (f), no”;

(2) in the first sentence of subsection (c) by striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “subsections (a) and (f)”, and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(f)(1) The Secretary shall establish uniform procedures for Head Start agencies to request approval to purchase facilities to be used to carry out Head Start programs.

“(2) Except as provided in section 640(a)(3)(A)(v), financial assistance provided under this subchapter may not be used by a Head Start agency to purchase a facility (including paying the cost of amortizing the principal, and paying interest on, loans) to be used to carry out a Head Start program unless the Secretary approves a request that is submitted by such agency and contains—

“(A) a description of the site of the facility proposed to be purchased;

“(B) the plans and specifications of such facility;

“(C) information demonstrating that—

“(i) the proposed purchase will result in savings when compared to the costs that would be incurred to acquire the use of an alternative facility to carry out such program; or

“(ii) the lack of alternative facilities will prevent the operation of such program; and

“(D) such other information and assurances as the Secretary may require.”.

(k) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 640 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (2)—

(I) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “children” after “handicapped”;

(II) in subparagraph (B) by striking “Commonwealth of,” and inserting “Commonwealth of”, and

(III) in subparagraph (C) by striking “any”;

(ii) in paragraph (3)(A)(vi) by striking “section 640(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “paragraph (2)(C)”, and

(iii) in paragraph (5)(B)(i) by striking “clause (A)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”, and

(B) in subsection (g) by striking “for all” and inserting “For All”.

(2) Section 640A(b) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835a) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking “solution” and inserting “solutions”, and

(B) in paragraph (7)—

(i) in clause (iii) by striking “the”, and

(ii) in clause (iv) by striking “the” the first place it appears.

(3) Section 642(c) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9837(c)) is amended by striking "subtitle" and inserting "subchapter".

(4) Section 643 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9838) is amended by striking "the such" each place it appears and inserting "such".

(5) Section 651(g) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9846(g)) is amended—

(A) by striking "physicial" and inserting "physical", and
(B) by striking "(g)(1)" and inserting "(g)".

(6) Section 651A of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9846a) is amended—

(A) in subsection (f) by striking "COMPARISION" and inserting "COMPARISON", and

(B) in subsection (g) by inserting "of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965" after "chapter 1".

SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 1990.

(a) **PLACEMENT OF ACT.**—Section 5082 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508; 104 Stat. 1388-236) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "title IV" and inserting "title VI". 42 USC 9858 *et seq.*

(b) **REFERENCES IN DEFINITIONS.**—Section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (7)—

(A) by striking "section 4(b)" and inserting "section 4(e)", and

(B) by striking "(25 U.S.C. 450b(b))" and inserting "(25 U.S.C. 450b(e))", and

(2) in paragraph (14)—

(A) by striking "section 4(c)" and inserting "section 4(l)", and

(B) by striking "(25 U.S.C. 450b(c))" and inserting "(25 U.S.C. 450b(l))".

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.

(a) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) and subsection (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act. 42 USC 9835 note.

(2) The amendment made by section 2(e)(1) shall take effect on July 30, 1992.

(b) **APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**—The amendments made by this Act, other than the amendment made by section 2(e)(1), shall

not apply with respect to fiscal years beginning before October 1, 1992.

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