

103D CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1061

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 28 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 1993

Mr. RIEGLE (for himself and Mr. CHAFEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Social Services Block  
5        Grant Restoration Act of 1993”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress finds that—

8                (1) since 1981, title XX of Social Security Act  
9        providing for Social Services Block Grants has been

1 the major source of Federal funding for a wide  
2 range of social services;

3 (2) in all States, title XX block grants provide  
4 substantial support for vital human services pro-  
5 grams that are indispensable in assisting millions of  
6 children, youth, adults, older adults, and people with  
7 disabilities;

8 (3) programs funded by title XX dollars are  
9 cost-effective since they are required by law to meet  
10 objectives of—

11 (A) achieving or maintaining economic  
12 self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate  
13 dependency;

14 (B) achieving or maintaining self-suffi-  
15 ciency, including reduction or prevention of  
16 dependency;

17 (C) preventing or remedying neglect,  
18 abuse, or exploitation of children and adults un-  
19 able to protect their own interests, or preserv-  
20 ing, rehabilitating, or reuniting families;

21 (D) preventing or reducing inappropriate  
22 institutional care by providing for community-  
23 based care, home-based care, or other forms of  
24 less intensive care; and

1 (E) securing referral or admission for in-  
2 stitutional care when other forms of care are  
3 not appropriate, or providing services to individ-  
4 uals in institutions;

5 (4) funding for title XX has seriously eroded;  
6 and

7 (5) the title XX program has never recovered  
8 after suffering a \$600,000,000 cut in the Omnibus  
9 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and is currently  
10 funded at \$2,800,000,000, nearly 45 percent less  
11 than the fiscal year 1977 value in inflation adjusted  
12 dollars.

13 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN TITLE XX AUTHORIZATION FOR**  
14 **BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR SOCIAL**  
15 **SERVICES.**

16 Subsection (c) of section 2003 of the Social Security  
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397b) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
19 (4);

20 (2) by striking “each fiscal year after fiscal  
21 year 1989.” in paragraph (5) and inserting “the fis-  
22 cal years 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993;”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
24 paragraphs:

25 “(6) \$3,000,000,000 for the fiscal year 1994;

1           “(7) \$3,200,000,000 for the fiscal year 1995;  
2           and  
3           “(8) \$3,300,000,000 for the fiscal year 1996  
4           and for each succeeding fiscal year.”.

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