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To amend the Head Start Act to provide services for younger children and their parents, the Comprehensive Child Development Act to extend the authorization of appropriations and the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to provide educational awards for early childhood development teachers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CONRAD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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 “Head Start and Early
5 Childhood Development Amendments of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. HEAD START ACT.**

2 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 637 of the Head Start Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 9832) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following new paragraphs:

5 “(12) The term ‘1993 fiscal year appropriation’
6 means the funds actually appropriated for fiscal year
7 1993 under section 639(a).

8 “(13) The term ‘age of compulsory school at-
9 tendance’ or ‘compulsory school age’ means the age
10 (not to exceed the age of 6) that a child is eligible
11 for enrollment in a public school in a State.”.

12 (b) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Section 640(a) of the
13 Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (2)—

15 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),
16 (B), (C), and (D) as clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and
17 (iv), respectively;

18 (B) by striking “(2) The” and inserting
19 “(2)(A) The”; and

20 (C) by inserting immediately after clause
21 (iv) (as so redesignated) the following new sub-
22 paragraph:

23 “(B) For any fiscal year for which the amount appro-
24 priated under section 639(a) exceeds the 1993 fiscal year
25 appropriation, the Secretary shall reserve the following:

1 “(i) Eight percent of the total amount in excess
2 of such appropriation for Head Start infants and
3 toddler programs described in section 642(d)(1).

4 “(ii) Eight percent of the total amount in ex-
5 cess of such appropriation to carry out the Head
6 Start Transition Project Act (42 U.S.C. 9855 et
7 seq.).

8 “(iii) Five percent of the total amount in excess
9 of such appropriation for Head Start program serv-
10 ices for children and their parents described in sec-
11 tion 642(d)(2).

12 “(iv) Two percent of the total amount in excess
13 of such appropriation for the provision of scholar-
14 ship assistance for early childhood education train-
15 ing under section 596 of the Higher Education Act
16 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1117).

17 “(v) Two percent of the total amount in excess
18 of such appropriation for the provision of education
19 awards to teachers in Head Start programs or early
20 childhood development programs that are similar to
21 Head Start programs.

22 “(vi) Two percent of the total amount in excess
23 of such appropriations for the provision of post-serv-
24 ice benefits for national service participants who are

1 eligible for such benefits under section 144A of the
2 National and Community Service Act of 1990.”; and

3 (2) by striking “No funds reserved under this
4 paragraph” in the matter preceding paragraph (3)
5 and inserting:

6 “(C) No funds reserved under paragraph (2)(A).”.

7 (c) POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF HEAD START
8 AGENCIES.—Section 642 of the Head Start Act (42
9 U.S.C. 9837) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
10 ing new subsection:

11 “(d) Subject to a review of a local community assess-
12 ment plan (as prescribed by regulation) of an agency that
13 is eligible for designation as a Head Start agency under
14 section 641 by the Regional Office of the Administration
15 for Children and Families, such agency may in accordance
16 with Head Start performance standards developed for in-
17 fants and toddlers under section 651(b), provide—

18 “(1) infant and toddler Head Start program
19 services to children from birth to compulsory school
20 age; or

21 “(2) a fully integrated program of services to
22 children from birth to compulsory school age and
23 their parents that are similar to the core services
24 provided to children and their families through the
25 Parent-Child Centers under section 640(a)(4)(B)

1 and the child development projects under section
2 670N(a) of the Comprehensive Child Development
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 9881(a)).”.

4 (d) EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—The Head Start Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 983 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 658. EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education may
9 provide educational awards to individuals who are em-
10 ployed in the early childhood development field to assist
11 such individuals in the repayment of outstanding student
12 loans.

13 “(b) AMOUNT.—The amount of an educational award
14 under subsection (a) shall not exceed \$10,000 for a term
15 of service completed under subsection (f).

16 “(c) LIMITATION.—An individual shall only be
17 awarded one educational award under subsection (a).

18 “(d) APPLICATION.—An individual who desires to re-
19 ceive an educational award shall submit to the Secretary
20 an application at such time, in such manner, and accom-
21 panied by such information, as the Secretary may reason-
22 ably require.

23 “(e) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive an edu-
24 cational award under subsection (a), an individual shall—

1 “(1) have completed a term of service under
2 subsection (f) in an approved education position de-
3 scribed in subsection (g);

4 “(2) currently serve in an approved education
5 position described in subsection (g); and

6 “(3) have—

7 “(A) an outstanding student loan from
8 Federal or non-Federal sources; or

9 “(B) enrolled in and completed, an early
10 childhood development program at an institu-
11 tion of higher education.

12 “(f) TERM OF SERVICE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term of service for an
14 approved education position shall be not less than 2
15 years.

16 “(2) COMMENCEMENT.—No term of service
17 under paragraph (1) shall begin prior to the date of
18 enactment of this section.

19 “(g) TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL POSITIONS ELIGIBLE
20 FOR APPROVAL FOR EDUCATION AWARDS.—The Sec-
21 retary shall approve each of the following positions as an
22 approved educational position:

23 “(1) A full-time teacher position or other staff
24 position in a Head Start program.

1 “(2) A full-time teacher position or other staff
2 position in an early childhood development program
3 that provides services similar to Head Start pro-
4 grams.”.

5 (e) REVIEW.—Not later than September 30, 1994,
6 the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Sec-
7 retary of Health and Human Services and the Governor
8 of each State, shall review the use of funds under chapter
9 1 of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education
10 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) to determine wheth-
11 er such funds can be used to provide services to Head
12 Start children in transition to elementary school.

13 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
15 Section 639(c) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
16 9834(c)) is repealed.

17 (2) EVALUATION.—Section 651(g)(3) of the
18 Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9846(g)(3)) is amended
19 by striking “640(a)(2)” and inserting
20 “640(a)(2)(A)”.

21 **SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ACT.**

22 Section 670T(a) of the Comprehensive Child Devel-
23 opment Act (42 U.S.C. 9887(a)) is amended by striking
24 “1993, and 1994” and inserting “and 1993, and
25 \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1994 through 1997,”.

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.**

2 Subtitle D of title I of the National and Community
3 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572 et seq.) is amended
4 by inserting after section 144 the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 144A. SUPPLEMENTAL POST-SERVICE BENEFITS FOR**
6 **PARTICIPANTS SERVING IN EARLY CHILD-**
7 **HOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the provision of
9 post-service benefits under section 146, the Commission
10 shall provide to each full-time participant who has per-
11 formed community service in an early childhood develop-
12 ment program and who meets the eligibility criteria under
13 subsection (b), a nontransferable post-service benefit that
14 is equal in value to \$5,000 to use for the purpose described
15 in subsection (c).

16 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A participant may receive a post-
17 service benefit under subsection (a) if such participant—

18 “(1) has completed a full-time term of service
19 in an early childhood development program receiving
20 assistance under this subtitle;

21 “(2) has enrolled in and completed a graduate
22 program in early childhood development at an insti-
23 tution of higher education; and

24 “(3) after completion of such graduate pro-
25 gram, has served in the early childhood development
26 field for not less than 2 years.

1 “(c) USE OF POST-SERVICE BENEFITS.—A post-
2 service benefit provided under subsection (a) shall only be
3 used for payment of a student loan from Federal or non-
4 Federal sources.”.

5 **SEC. 5. STUDY OF PENSION PROGRAM FOR HEAD START**
6 **EMPLOYEES.**

7 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
8 conduct a study and prepare a report on the establishment
9 of a pension program for Head Start employees, including
10 the feasibility of such employees’ participation in the Fed-
11 eral Employees Retirement System. Not later than Octo-
12 ber 1, 1995, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress
13 such report with recommendations on options for extend-
14 ing retirement pension coverage to Head Start employees.

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