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Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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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 “National Grandparent
5 Resource Center Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 202 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
8 U.S.C. 3012) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
9 ing:

1 “(f)(1) The Commissioner shall make grants to, or
2 enter into contracts with, one eligible entity to establish
3 and operate the National Resource Center for Grand-
4 parents (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Center’) to
5 serve as a central source of information and assistance to
6 older individuals who—

7 “(A) raise their grandchildren;

8 “(B) encounter problems obtaining access to
9 their grandchildren for purposes of visitation; or

10 “(C) need financial, legal, emotional, or infor-
11 mational assistance regarding their relationship with
12 their grandchildren.

13 “(2) The Center shall—

14 “(A) be staffed by employees and volunteers, in-
15 cluding such older individuals;

16 “(B) provide a toll-free telephone number to in-
17 crease access to the information and assistance
18 available from the Center;

19 “(C) collect and make available to such older
20 individuals information regarding programs,
21 projects, and activities of public and private entities
22 (including governmental entities) relating to the
23 matters described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and
24 (C) of paragraph (1), including information on State

1 law regarding grandparent visitation and Federal as-
2 sistance available to such older individuals; and

3 “(D) refer individual grandparents to public
4 and private entities that provide information or as-
5 sistance regarding the rearing of grandchildren, in-
6 cluding information regarding the prevention of drug
7 abuse and the promotion of good health and nutri-
8 tion.

9 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘eligi-
10 ble entity’ means a nonprofit private organization with a
11 demonstrated record of experience in representing the con-
12 cerns of older individuals with respect to their relationship
13 to their grandchildren.”.

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect
16 on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

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