

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1815

To amend the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot program under which the Secretary shall make grants to local units of government or local nonprofit organizations in the State of Arkansas to employ non-Federal resource conservation and development coordinators.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2001

Mrs. LINCOLN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESOURCE CONSERVA-**
4 **TION AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATORS.**

5 Subtitle H of title XV of the Agriculture and Food
6 Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 1538 (16 U.S.C.
2 3461) as section 1538a; and

3 (2) by inserting after section 1537 (16 U.S.C.
4 3460) the following:

5 **“SEC. 1538. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOP-**
6 **MENT COORDINATORS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary (acting through
8 the Natural Resources Conservation Service) shall carry
9 out a pilot program under which the Secretary shall make
10 grants to local units of government or local nonprofit orga-
11 nizations in the State of Arkansas to employ, and provide
12 the necessary support for, a non-Federal resource con-
13 servation and development coordinator (referred to in this
14 section as a “non-Federal coordinator”) to assist in car-
15 rying out this subtitle in the State.

16 “(b) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—The participa-
17 tion of a local unit of government or local nonprofit orga-
18 nization in the pilot program shall be voluntary.

19 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—A local unit of government
20 or local nonprofit organization receiving a grant under this
21 section shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that
22 describes the activities of the non-Federal coordinator.

23 “(d) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The total amount of a
24 grant provided under this section to a local unit of govern-

1 ment or local nonprofit organization for a fiscal year shall
2 be at least \$75,000.

3 “(e) FUNDING.—From funds made available under
4 section 1538a, the Secretary shall use to carry out this
5 section, \$_____ for each of fiscal years 2001
6 through 2003.”.

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