AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

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 “Healthy Start Reau-

thorization Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO HEALTHY START INITIATIVE.

(a) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—Section

330H(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.

254e–8(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(b) REQUIREMENTS” and all

that follows through “In making grants under sub-

section (a)” and inserting the following:

“(b) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—

“(1) REQUIREMENTS.—In making grants under

subsection (a)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following para-

graphs:

“(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In making

grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall take

into consideration the following:

“(A) Factors that contribute to infant

mortality, such as low birthweight.

“(B) The extent to which applicants for

such grants facilitate—

“(i) a community-based approach to

the delivery of services; and
“(ii) a comprehensive approach to women’s health care to improve perinatal outcomes.

“(3) SPECIAL PROJECTS.—Nothing in paragraph (2) shall be construed to prevent the Secretary from awarding grants under subsection (a) for special projects that are intended to address significant disparities in perinatal health indicators in communities along the United States-Mexico border or in Alaska or Hawaii.”.

(b) OTHER GRANTS.—Section 330H of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e–8) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);

and

(2) by striking subsections (e) and (f).

(e) FUNDING.—Section 330H of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by subsection (b) of this section, is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

“(e) FUNDING.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated—

“(A) $120,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

and
“(B) for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013, the amount authorized for the preceding fiscal year increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for such year.

“(2) ALLOCATION.—

“(A) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary may reserve up to 5 percent for coordination, dissemination, technical assistance, and data activities that are determined by the Secretary to be appropriate for carrying out the program under this section.

“(B) EVALUATION.—Of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary may reserve up to 1 percent for evaluations of projects carried out under subsection (a). Each such evaluation shall include a determination of whether such projects have been effective in reducing the disparity in health status between the general population
and individuals who are members of racial or
ethnic minority groups.”.

Passed the Senate April 30, 2008.

Attest: NANCY ERICKSON,

Secretary.