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AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MRS. ROUKEMA
(Campus-based child care)

Page IV-A-12, after line 22, insert the following new section (and redesignate the succeeding section accordingly):

SEC. 405. CAMPUS-BASED CHILD CARE

Subpart 2 of part A of Title IV is amended by adding at the end the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 3: CAMPUS-BASED CHILD CARE

"SEC. 406A. CAMPUS-BASED CHILD CARE.

"(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED-

"(1) AUTHORITY- The Secretary may award grants to institutions of higher education to assist the institutions in providing campus-based child care services to low-income students.

"(2) AMOUNT OF GRANTS-

"(A) IN GENERAL- The amount of a grant awarded to an institution of higher education under this section for a fiscal year shall not exceed 1 percent of the total amount of all Federal Pell Grant funds awarded to students enrolled at the institution of higher education for the preceding fiscal year.

"(B) MINIMUM- A grant under this section shall be awarded in an amount that is not less than $10,000.

"(3) DURATION AND PAYMENTS-

"(A) DURATION- The Secretary shall award a grant under this section for a period of 3 years.

"(B) PAYMENTS- Subject to subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall make annual grant payments under this section.

"(4) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS- An institution of higher education shall be eligible to receive a grant under this section for a fiscal year if the total amount of all Federal Pell Grant funds awarded to students

enrolled at the institution of higher education for the preceding fiscal year equals or exceeds $1,000,000.

"(5) USE OF FUNDS- Grant funds under this section shall be used by an institution of higher education to support or establish a campus-based child care program serving the needs of low-income students enrolled at the institution of higher education.

"(6) DEFINITION OF LOW-INCOME STUDENT- For the purpose of this section, the term 'low-income student' means a student who is eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant for the fiscal year for which the determination is made.

"(b) APPLICATIONS- An institution of higher education desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may require. Each application shall--

"(1) demonstrate that the institution is an eligible institution described in subsection (a)(4);

"(2) specify the amount of funds requested;

"(3) demonstrate the need of low-income students at the institution for campus-based child care services by including in the application student demographics and other relevant data;

"(4) identify the resources the institution will draw upon to support the child care program and the participation of low-income students in the program, such as accessing social services funding, using student activity fees to help pay the costs of child care, using resources obtained by meeting the needs of parents who are not low-income students, and accessing foundation, corporate or other institutional support, and demonstrate that the use of the resources will not result in increases in student tuition;

"(5) contain an assurance that the institution will meet the child care needs of low-income students through the provision of services, or through a contract for the provision of services;

"(6) in addition, the institution shall--

"(A) provide a timeline, covering the period from receipt of the grant through the provision of the child care services,

delineating the specific steps the institution will take to achieve the goal of providing low-income students with child care services;

"(B) specify any measures the institution will take to assist low-income students with child care during the period before the institution provides child care services; and

"(C) include a plan for identifying resources needed for the child care services, including space in which to provide child care services, and technical assistance if necessary;

"(7) contain an assurance that any child care facility assisted under this section will meet the applicable State or local government licensing, certification, approval, or registration requirements; and

"(8) contain a plan for any child care facility assisted under this section to become accredited within 3 years of the date the institution first receives assistance under this section.

"(c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY-

"(1) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS-

"(A) REPORTS- Each institution of higher education receiving a grant under this section shall report to the Secretary 18 months and 36 months after receiving the first grant payment under this section.

"(B) CONTENTS- The report shall include--

"(i) data on the population served under this section;

"(ii) information on campus and community resources and funding used to help low-income students access child care services;

"(iii) information on progress made toward accreditation of any child care facility; and

"(iv) information on the impact of the grant on the quality, availability, and affordability of campus-based child care services.

"(2) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY- The Secretary shall make the third annual grant payment under this section to an institution of higher education only if the Secretary determines, on the basis of the 18-month report submitted under paragraph (1), that the institution is making a good faith effort to ensure that low-income students at the institution have access to affordable, quality child care services.

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS- There are authorized to be $30,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years to carry out this section."