

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide help and support to pregnant and parenting teens and women.

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H. R. 3590

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CASEY to the amendment (No. 2786) proposed by Mr. REID

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **TITLE _____—SUPPORT FOR PREG-**
 3 **NANT AND PARENTING TEENS**
 4 **AND WOMEN**

5 **SEC. __001. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this title:

7 (1) ACCOMPANIMENT.—The term “accompani-
 8 ment” means assisting, representing, and accom-

1 panying a woman in seeking judicial relief for child
2 support, child custody, restraining orders, and res-
3 titution for harm to persons and property, and in fil-
4 ing criminal charges, and may include the payment
5 of court costs and reasonable attorney and witness
6 fees associated therewith.

7 (2) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
8 CATION.—The term “eligible institution of higher
9 education” means an institution of higher education
10 (as such term is defined in section 101 of the High-
11 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that
12 has established and operates, or agrees to establish
13 and operate upon the receipt of a grant under this
14 title, a pregnant and parenting student services of-
15 fice.

16 (3) COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER.—The term
17 “community service center” means a non-profit or-
18 ganization that provides social services to residents
19 of a specific geographical area via direct service or
20 by contract with a local governmental agency.

21 (4) HIGH SCHOOL.—The term “high school”
22 means any public or private school that operates
23 grades 10 through 12, inclusive, grades 9 through
24 12, inclusive or grades 7 through 12, inclusive.

1 (5) INTERVENTION SERVICES.—The term
2 “intervention services” means, with respect to do-
3 mestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, or
4 stalking, 24-hour telephone hotline services for police
5 protection and referral to shelters.

6 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

8 (7) STATE.—The term “State” includes the
9 District of Columbia, any commonwealth, possession,
10 or other territory of the United States, and any In-
11 dian tribe or reservation.

12 (8) SUPPORTIVE SOCIAL SERVICES.—The term
13 “supportive social services” means transitional and
14 permanent housing, vocational counseling, and indi-
15 vidual and group counseling aimed at preventing do-
16 mestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, or
17 stalking.

18 (9) VIOLENCE.—The term “violence” means ac-
19 tual violence and the risk or threat of violence.

20 **SEC. _002. ESTABLISHMENT OF PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE**
21 **FUND.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collaboration
23 and coordination with the Secretary of Education (as ap-
24 propriate), shall establish a Pregnancy Assistance Fund
25 to be administered by the Secretary, for the purpose of

1 awarding competitive grants to States to assist pregnant
2 and parenting teens and women.

3 (b) USE OF FUND.—A State may apply for a grant
4 under subsection (a) to carry out any activities provided
5 for in section __003.

6 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant
7 under subsection (a), a State shall submit to the Secretary
8 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
9 taining such information as the Secretary may require, in-
10 cluding a description of the purposes for which the grant
11 is being requested and the designation of a State agency
12 for receipt and administration of funding received under
13 this title.

14 **SEC. __003. PERMISSIBLE USES OF FUND.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—A State shall use amounts re-
16 ceived under a grant under section __001 for the purposes
17 described in this section to assist pregnant and parenting
18 teens and women.

19 (b) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State may use amounts
21 received under a grant under section __001 to make
22 funding available to eligible institutions of higher
23 education to enable the eligible institutions to estab-
24 lish, maintain, or operate pregnant and parenting
25 student services. Such funding shall be used to sup-

1 plement, not supplant, existing funding for such
2 services.

3 (2) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution of
4 higher education that desires to receive funding
5 under this subsection shall submit an application to
6 the designated State agency at such time, in such
7 manner, and containing such information as the
8 State agency may require.

9 (3) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—An eligible in-
10 stitution of higher education that receives funding
11 under this subsection shall contribute to the conduct
12 of the pregnant and parenting student services office
13 supported by the funding an amount from non-Fed-
14 eral funds equal to 25 percent of the amount of the
15 funding provided. The non-Federal share may be in
16 cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, including services,
17 facilities, supplies, or equipment.

18 (4) USE OF FUNDS FOR ASSISTING PREGNANT
19 AND PARENTING COLLEGE STUDENTS.—An eligible
20 institution of higher education that receives funding
21 under this subsection shall use such funds to estab-
22 lish, maintain or operate pregnant and parenting
23 student services and may use such funding for the
24 following programs and activities:

1 (A) Conduct a needs assessment on cam-
2 pus and within the local community—

3 (i) to assess pregnancy and parenting
4 resources, located on the campus or within
5 the local community, that are available to
6 meet the needs described in subparagraph
7 (B); and

8 (ii) to set goals for—

9 (I) improving such resources for
10 pregnant, parenting, and prospective
11 parenting students; and

12 (II) improving access to such re-
13 sources.

14 (B) Annually assess the performance of
15 the eligible institution in meeting the following
16 needs of students enrolled in the eligible institu-
17 tion who are pregnant or are parents:

18 (i) The inclusion of maternity cov-
19 erage and the availability of riders for ad-
20 ditional family members in student health
21 care.

22 (ii) Family housing.

23 (iii) Child care.

24 (iv) Flexible or alternative academic
25 scheduling, such as telecommuting pro-

1 grams, to enable pregnant or parenting
2 students to continue their education or
3 stay in school.

4 (v) Education to improve parenting
5 skills for mothers and fathers and to
6 strengthen marriages.

7 (vi) Maternity and baby clothing, baby
8 food (including formula), baby furniture,
9 and similar items to assist parents and
10 prospective parents in meeting the material
11 needs of their children.

12 (vii) Post-partum counseling.

13 (C) Identify public and private service pro-
14 viders, located on the campus of the eligible in-
15 stitution or within the local community, that
16 are qualified to meet the needs described in
17 subparagraph (B), and establishes programs
18 with qualified providers to meet such needs.

19 (D) Assist pregnant and parenting stu-
20 dents, fathers or spouses in locating and obtain-
21 ing services that meet the needs described in
22 subparagraph (B).

23 (E) If appropriate, provide referrals for
24 prenatal care and delivery, infant or foster care,
25 or adoption, to a student who requests such in-

1 formation. An office shall make such referrals
2 only to service providers that serve the following
3 types of individuals:

4 (i) Parents.

5 (ii) Prospective parents awaiting
6 adoption.

7 (iii) Women who are pregnant and
8 plan on parenting or placing the child for
9 adoption.

10 (iv) Parenting or prospective par-
11 enting couples.

12 (5) REPORTING.—

13 (A) ANNUAL REPORT BY INSTITUTIONS.—

14 (i) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year
15 that an eligible institution of higher edu-
16 cation receives funds under this subsection,
17 the eligible institution shall prepare and
18 submit to the State, by the date deter-
19 mined by the State, a report that—

20 (I) itemizes the pregnant and
21 parenting student services office's ex-
22 penditures for the fiscal year;

23 (II) contains a review and evalua-
24 tion of the performance of the office
25 in fulfilling the requirements of this

1 section, using the specific performance
2 criteria or standards established
3 under subparagraph (B)(i); and

4 (III) describes the achievement of
5 the office in meeting the needs listed
6 in paragraph (4)(B) of the students
7 served by the eligible institution, and
8 the frequency of use of the office by
9 such students.

10 (ii) PERFORMANCE CRITERIA.—Not
11 later than 180 days before the date the an-
12 nual report described in clause (i) is sub-
13 mitted, the State—

14 (I) shall identify the specific per-
15 formance criteria or standards that
16 shall be used to prepare the report;
17 and

18 (II) may establish the form or
19 format of the report.

20 (B) REPORT BY STATE.—The State shall
21 annually prepare and submit a report on the
22 findings under this subsection, including the
23 number of eligible institutions of higher edu-
24 cation that were awarded funds and the number
25 of students served by each pregnant and par-

1 enting student services office receiving funds
2 under this section, to the Secretary.

3 (c) SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING
4 TEENS.—A State may use amounts received under a
5 grant under section __001 to make funding available to
6 eligible high schools and community service centers to es-
7 tablish, maintain or operate pregnant and parenting serv-
8 ices in the same general manner and in accordance with
9 all conditions and requirements described in subsection
10 (b), except that paragraph (3) of such subsection shall not
11 apply for purposes of this subsection.

12 (d) IMPROVING SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN
13 WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VI-
14 OLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State may use amounts
16 received under a grant under section __001 to make
17 funding available tp its State Attorney General to
18 assist Statewide offices in providing—

19 (A) intervention services, accompaniment,
20 and supportive social services for eligible preg-
21 nant women who are victims of domestic vio-
22 lence, sexual violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
23 ing.

24 (B) technical assistance and training (as
25 described in subsection (c)) relating to violence

1 against eligible pregnant women to be made
2 available to the following:

3 (i) Federal, State, tribal, territorial,
4 and local governments, law enforcement
5 agencies, and courts.

6 (ii) Professionals working in legal, so-
7 cial service, and health care settings.

8 (iii) Nonprofit organizations.

9 (iv) Faith-based organizations.

10 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant
11 under paragraph (1), a State Attorney General shall
12 submit an application to the designated State agency
13 at such time, in such manner, and containing such
14 information, as specified by the State.

15 (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING DE-
16 SCRIBED.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), tech-
17 nical assistance and training is—

18 (A) the identification of eligible pregnant
19 women experiencing domestic violence, sexual
20 violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

21 (B) the assessment of the immediate and
22 short-term safety of such a pregnant woman,
23 the evaluation of the impact of the violence or
24 stalking on the pregnant woman's health, and
25 the assistance of the pregnant woman in devel-

1 oping a plan aimed at preventing further do-
2 mestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault,
3 or stalking, as appropriate;

4 (C) the maintenance of complete medical
5 or forensic records that include the documenta-
6 tion of any examination, treatment given, and
7 referrals made, recording the location and na-
8 ture of the pregnant woman’s injuries, and the
9 establishment of mechanisms to ensure the pri-
10 vacy and confidentiality of those medical
11 records; and

12 (D) the identification and referral of the
13 pregnant woman to appropriate public and pri-
14 vate nonprofit entities that provide intervention
15 services, accompaniment, and supportive social
16 services.

17 (4) ELIGIBLE PREGNANT WOMAN.—In this sub-
18 section, the term “eligible pregnant woman” means
19 any woman who is pregnant on the date on which
20 such woman becomes a victim of domestic violence,
21 sexual violence, sexual assault, or stalking or who
22 was pregnant during the one-year period before such
23 date.

24 (e) PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION.—A State
25 may use amounts received under a grant under section

1 __001 to make funding available to increase public aware-
2 ness and education concerning any services available to
3 pregnant and parenting teens and women under this title,
4 or any other resources available to pregnant and parenting
5 women in keeping with the intent and purposes of this
6 title. The State shall be responsible for setting guidelines
7 or limits as to how much of funding may be utilized for
8 public awareness and education in any funding award.

9 **SEC. __004. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There is authorized to be appropriated, \$25,000,000
11 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2019, to carry out
12 this title.