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To provide for a demonstration project to improve the provision of certain benefits under the Social Security Act through a private aid program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To provide for a demonstration project to improve the provision of certain benefits under the Social Security Act through a private aid program.

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. NEW HOPE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
6 retary”) shall provide for a demonstration project for a
7 qualified program to be conducted in Milwaukee, Wiscon-
8 sin, in accordance with this section.

9 (b) PAYMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), for each calendar quarter in which there
3 is a qualified program approved under this section,
4 the Secretary shall pay to the operator of the quali-
5 fied program an amount equal to the aggregate
6 amount that would otherwise have been payable to
7 the State in the absence of the program, with re-
8 spect to participants in the program, for cash assist-
9 ance and child care under part A of title IV of the
10 Social Security Act, for medical assistance under
11 title XIX of such Act, and for administrative ex-
12 penses related to such assistance for such calendar
13 quarter. In calculating the amount of such payment,
14 the expenses of the program incurred in evaluating
15 the effects of the program (as required under sub-
16 section (d)(1)) may be treated as amounts necessary
17 for the proper and efficient administration of the
18 program for purposes of part A of title IV of the So-
19 cial Security Act and title XIX of such Act.

20 (2) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—Payments
21 shall be made under paragraph (1) to participants in
22 the program for no more than 20 calendar quarters.

23 (c) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT DESCRIBED.—For
24 purposes of this section, the term “qualified program”
25 means a program operated—

1 (1) by The New Hope Project, Inc., a private,
2 not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the
3 laws of the State of Wisconsin (referred to in this
4 section as the “operator”), which offers low-income
5 residents of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, employment,
6 wage supplements, child care, health care, and coun-
7 seling and training for job retention or advancement;
8 and

9 (2) in accordance with an application submitted
10 by the operator of the program and approved by the
11 Secretary based on the Secretary’s determination
12 that the application satisfies the requirements of
13 subsection (d).

14 (d) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—The operator of
15 the qualified program shall provide, in the operator’s ap-
16 plication to conduct a demonstration project for the pro-
17 gram, that the following terms and conditions will be met:

18 (1) The operator will develop and implement an
19 evaluation plan designed to provide reliable informa-
20 tion on the impact and implementation of the pro-
21 gram. The evaluation plan will include adequately
22 sized groups of project participants and control
23 groups assigned at random.

24 (2) The operator will develop and implement a
25 plan addressing the services and assistance to be

1 provided by the program, the timing and determina-
2 tion of payments from the Secretary to the operator
3 of the program, and the roles and responsibilities of
4 the Secretary and the operator with respect to meet-
5 ing the requirements of this paragraph.

6 (3) The operator will specify a methodology for
7 determining expenditures to be paid to the operator
8 by the Secretary, with assistance from the Secretary
9 in calculating the amount that would otherwise have
10 been payable to the State in the absence of the pro-
11 gram, pursuant to subsection (b).

12 (4) The operator will issue an interim and final
13 report on the results of the evaluation described in
14 paragraph (1) to the Secretary at such times as re-
15 quired by the Secretary.

16 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
17 on the first day of the first calendar quarter that begins
18 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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