

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

AMENDMENT

Baucus Amendment #2 to Chairman's Mark for H.R. 4737:

Description of Amendment: Provides \$50 million per year for FY2003-07 for "abstinence-first" teen pregnancy prevention programs.

Text of Amendment: Amends Section 302 of the Chairman's mark to add the following:

The mark provides \$250 million within the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (\$50 million each year for FY2003-07) for grants to states to implement proven "abstinence-first" teen pregnancy prevention strategies. "Abstinence-first" teen pregnancy prevention strategies: 1) use a message that strongly emphasizes abstinence as the only certain way to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, while still allowing State flexibility to discuss other prevention methods; 2) replicate or substantially incorporate the elements of one or more teen pregnancy programs that have been proven (on the basis of rigorous scientific research) to delay or decrease sexual activity or reduce teen pregnancy.

Offset: Increases custom user fees by an amount necessary to cover the cost of this amendment.

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