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## Title VI of H.R. 3312: Preventing Unplanned Pregnancy Among Community College Students

### What is the Ryan-DeLauro bill?

The Preventing Unintended Pregnancies, Reducing the Need for Abortion and Supporting Parents Act (H.R. 3312) was first introduced in 2006 and reintroduced this year. Authored by Representatives Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Tim Ryan (D-OH), the bill is a comprehensive, balanced approach to find common ground and reduce the need for abortion by both helping to prevent unplanned pregnancy in the first place and supporting women and families once pregnancy occurs.

H.R. 3312 includes new demonstration grants to community colleges for the purpose of developing and implementing innovative approaches to prevent unplanned pregnancy and promote healthy relationships among women and men in community colleges in order to remove a barrier to degree completion by these students, reduce poverty among these students, and improve the success of these students. The bill authorizes to be appropriated \$15 million for each of fiscal years 2010-2012.

### Why community colleges?

The bill cites the following statistics to make the case for preventing unplanned pregnancy among community college students:

- There are 11.5 million students enrolled in community college and 60% of these students are women.
- 61% of women who have children after enrolling in community college fail to finish their degree. This drop-out rate is 65% higher than that of women who don't have children.
- Approximately 15% of all community college students are single parents compared to 6% at 4-year colleges.
- Only two out of 10 students at 2-year institutions report receiving information from their college on pregnancy prevention, compared to 33% of students at 4-year institutions.

- Few community colleges have the resources to provide information, education, or other activities focused on healthy relationships or pregnancy prevention and planning.
- For women with some college, 53% of pregnancies were unplanned. This is twice as high as the percent of pregnancies that are unplanned for college graduates (26%).

### What could grantees do with the demonstration grants?

Grants would be awarded by the Secretary of Education for one or more of the following activities:

- Developing educational content to incorporate in first-year orientation or core courses where appropriate.
- Creating innovative technology-based approaches to deliver messages and information to students, faculty, and staff.
- Training for targeted faculty and staff on how unplanned pregnancy affects student success and ways to help students address this issue.
- Creating partnerships with community-based organizations who have expertise in addressing pregnancy prevention or healthy relationships.
- Developing and employing peer-outreach and education to generate discussion and raise awareness among students.
- Providing campus-based family planning services.
- Teaching students about developing healthy relationships, including the prevention of dating and sexual violence.
- Providing students with information regarding the dynamics and nature of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual coercion, or stalking; its implications for unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections and HIV; and strategies to manage health in the context of a violent relationship.

Also, recipients of the funds must agree to:

- Participate in an independent evaluation of the project;
- Submit to the Secretary such data as the Secretary determines to be appropriate;
- Provide information that is medically accurate and complete and scientifically based; and
- Not to teach or promote religion through these activities.

In addition, the bill:

- Authorizes grants to educational institutions to provide support services to assist both pregnant students who have decided to carry their pregnancies to term and parenting students in continuing their studies and graduating. (Authorizes a total of \$500,000 for each of FY 2010 – 2014, with individual grants of no more than \$25,000 each).
- Increases the minimum grant for the Child Care Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) program from \$10,000 to \$30,000. (Funding appropriated for FY 2009 was \$16 million).

### For more information

- [Read the full text of the bill's provision.](#)
- [Read the summary by Third Way](#), who played a key role in developing the bill.
- [View the diverse list of supporters.](#)
- [Read a post from The National Campaign's \*Pregnant Pause\* blog.](#)

### Next steps

The grants will only become available if Congress passes the bill. If you support H.R. 3312, please contact your member of the U.S. House of Representatives and encourage them to become cosponsors and support the bill. To see if your Representative has already signed on as a cosponsor, go to The Library of Congress website at <http://thomas.loc.gov>, search for bill number H.R. 3312, and select "Cosponsors."