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### Home Visitation Legislation Side-By-Side

<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>H.R. 2667</b>	<b>S. 1267</b>
<b>Short Title</b>	Early Support for Families Act	Evidence-Based Home Visitation Act of 2009
<b>Sponsors</b>	Representatives Jim McDermott, Chairman, Income Security & Family Support Subcommittee on Ways & Means, (D-WA), Danny Davis (D-IL), and Todd Platts (R-PA)	Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Robert Casey (D-PA)
<b>Purpose</b>	To improve the well-being and development of children by providing mandatory funding for grants to States, tribes and territories to establish or expand programs providing voluntary home visitation for families with young children or families expecting children.	To improve the well-being and development of children by enabling the establishment and expansion of quality programs providing voluntary home visitation services to low-income pregnant women and low-income families with young children.
<b>Amending</b>	Creates a Subpart 3 of Title IV-B of the Social Security Act	Creates Section 511 of Title V of the Social Security Act-Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)
<b>Target Populations</b>	Families with young children and families expecting children whose income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty line.	Low-income pregnant women and low-income families with young children. 'Low-income' means individuals whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the poverty line.
<b>Grants</b>	Formula grants based on the number of children under 200 percent of the federal poverty line concentrated in areas of high need.	1. Competitive Planning Grants-planning and start up grants to help local agencies qualify for operating grants. 2. Competitive Operating Grants-operating grants to local agencies to provide home visitation services for low-income target populations.

<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States	Local Agency defined as a unit of State, local, county or city government, an Indian tribe or tribal organization or a non-governmental organization.
<b>Funding</b>	\$100 million in FY2010 \$250 million in FY2011 \$400 million in FY2012 \$550 million in FY2013 \$700 million in FY2014	\$100 million in FY2010 \$250 million in FY2011 \$400 million in FY2012 \$550 million in FY2013 \$700 million in FY2014
<b>Allotments</b>	State allocations are based on the number of children under 200 percent of poverty.	The Secretary will take the distribution of low-income families with young children by geography into account.
<b>Assurances</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The state shall identify and prioritize serving communities that are in high need, especially communities with a high proportion of low-income families or a high incidence of child maltreatment.</li> <li>2. The state will reserve 5 percent of funds for training and technical assistance.</li> <li>3. The state will promote coordination and collaboration with other child and family services, income supports, and other related assistance.</li> <li>4. Home visitation programs will provide referrals to other programs serving children and families when appropriate.</li> <li>5. The state will comply with reporting and evaluation requirements.</li> </ol>	The local agency must provide services consistent with an approved model that has demonstrated significant positive outcomes a model of home visitation that the Secretary has approved. The local agency must abide by the requirements of the national or regional home visitation program model identified by the Secretary.
<b>Federal Match</b>	85 percent in FY2010 80 percent in FY2011 75 percent in FY2012-FY2014 States cannot use any federal dollars to meet this match requirement.	The Secretary will establish the match requirements, which may include in-kind contributions and payments made to the states under title XIX, and may include a waiver based on economic hardship.

<b>State MOE</b>	States must maintain FY2009 spending on programs providing home visitation for families with young children and families expecting children.	None
<b>Use of Funds</b>	Provide voluntary home visitation through programs that adhere to evidence-based models that have demonstrated significant positive effects on important child and parenting outcomes.	<p>The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall approve a model for funding, which must be supported by the strongest evidence of effectiveness. Models must have the strongest evidence of effectiveness showing sizable, sustained effects on important outcomes in at least 3 of the following 5 areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prenatal, maternal, and newborn health.</li> <li>2. Child health and development (including prevention of injuries and maltreatment).</li> <li>3. School readiness and academic achievement.</li> <li>4. Juvenile delinquency.</li> <li>5. Family economic self-sufficiency.</li> </ol>
	<p>States must use the following percentage of funds for evidence-based home visitation programs only:</p> <p>40 percent in FY2010  45 percent in FY2011  50 percent in FY2012  55 percent in FY2013  60 percent in FY2014</p>	
<b>Research</b>	No funding allotted	<p>The Secretary shall fund an ongoing program of research to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish the strongest evidence of effectiveness for new home visitation models.</li> <li>2. Further improvements of existing home visitation models.</li> </ol>
<b>Evaluation</b>	<p>The Secretary shall provide for the conduct of an independent evaluation to assess:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The effect of home visitation programs on child and parent outcomes including child maltreatment, child health and development, school readiness, and links to community services.</li> <li>2. The effect on different populations.</li> </ol>	<p>The Secretary shall conduct an independent evaluation of services provided by the grants specific to each approved program model and shall include program outcomes for each model separately.</p>

<b>Advisory Boards</b>	None	The Secretary shall establish and meet with a national advisory board to seek guidance on policy and implementation.
<b>Medicaid Option</b>	None	Allows states to use a simplified billing option for Medicaid if services are covered under the State plan.

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