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Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 15, 2008

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5447	Related bill	Feb 14, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2008)

Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress on policy issues associated with the recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work.

Directs the Commission to study and report to Congress on issues facing the social work profession, including: (1) fair market compensation, high social work educational debt, social work workforce trends, knowledge development, and social work safety; and (2) state-level social work licensure policies and reciprocity agreements for providing services across state lines.

Authorizes the Secretary to award various grants to eligible entities and individuals to support demonstration programs related to research, workplace improvements, education, training, and programs of excellence.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) contract with a national social work research entity to serve as a coordinating center and clearinghouse for information on activities under the demonstration program; and (2) develop and issue public service announcements that advertise and promote the social work profession.

Designates March of 2008, and of each succeeding year, as National Social Work Awareness Month.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 15, 2008: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 15, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3028-3029)
- Apr 15, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.