



H.R. 6901 – Meth Free Families and Communities Act

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6901 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Darlene Hooley (D-OR) on September 15, 2008. The Committee on Energy and Commerce ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on September 17, 2008.

H.R. 6901 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 6901 directs the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to collaborate with addiction professionals about how to recognize substance abuse disorder and apply evidence-based practices for screening and treating at-risk individuals for methamphetamine addiction.

The bill also requires the Director of the Center to make block grant awards for residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting women in areas with high rates of methamphetamine addiction. The Director is required to submit biennial reports on these programs. H.R. 6901 authorizes the following amounts for these awards: \$20 million in 2009, \$21 million in 2010, \$22 million in 2011, \$23 million in 2012, and \$24 million in 2013.

BACKGROUND

Methamphetamine is a highly addictive stimulant drug which affects the central nervous system. Most methamphetamine abused in the United States comes from foreign or domestic “superlabs,” although it can also be made in smaller illegal laboratories. The production of methamphetamine may also endanger the people in the labs, neighbors, and the environment. The white, odorless, crystalline powder is taken orally, by snorting, by needle injection, or by smoking. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health finds that methamphetamine abuse is highest in Western states.

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. CSAT promotes the quality and availability of community-based substance abuse treatment services for individuals and families who need them. The agency CSAT works primarily with States and community groups to improve and expand existing substance abuse treatment services under its Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program.

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COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not produced a cost estimate for H.R. 6901 as of September 18, 2008.

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