

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for a report makes recommendations regarding the methodology for allocating funds to States to carry out the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—108th Cong., 1st Sess.

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1 After section 1301, insert the following:

2 **SEC. 1301A. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Health and Human Services shall prepare and sub-
7 mit to Congress a report that makes recommenda-

1 tions regarding the methodology for allocating funds
2 to States to carry out the Low-Income Home Energy
3 Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.).

4 (2) METHODOLOGY.—In preparing the report,
5 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

6 (A) utilize the latest, best available statis-
7 tical data and model to develop the rec-
8 ommendations for the methodology; and

9 (B) recommend a methodology that—

10 (i) consists of a mechanism that uses
11 estimates of expenditures for energy con-
12 sumption (measured in British thermal
13 units) for low-income households in each
14 State, for each source of heating or cooling
15 in residential dwellings; and

16 (ii) employs the latest available annu-
17 ally updated heating and cooling degree
18 day and fuel price information available
19 (for coal, electricity, fuel oil, petroleum
20 gas, and natural gas) at the State level.

21 (3) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report,
22 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
23 consult with appropriate officials in each of the 50
24 States and the District of Columbia.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
4 2004 through 2006.