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To reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. DOYLE, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MARINO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GIBSON, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. TERRY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. YODER, and Mr. MATHESON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Autism Re-
5 authorization Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS RELATING TO**
2 **AUTISM.**

3 (a) NATIONAL AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER INITIA-
4 TIVE.—Part R of title III of the Public Health Service
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 280i et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating sections 399AA through
7 399EE as sections 399BB through 399FF, respec-
8 tively; and

9 (2) by inserting before section 399BB, as redес-
10 igned, the following:

11 **“SEC. 399AA. NATIONAL AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER INI-**
12 **TIATIVE.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—For the purposes described
14 in subsection (b), the Secretary shall designate an official
15 within the Department of Health and Human Services to
16 establish and oversee a National Autism Spectrum Dis-
17 order Initiative (in this section referred to as the ‘Initia-
18 tive’).

19 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Initiative shall
20 be—

21 “(1) to implement a strategic plan for the con-
22 duct of, and support for, autism spectrum disorder
23 research, taking into account the strategic plan de-
24 veloped by the Interagency Autism Coordinating
25 Committee under section 399DD(b); and

1 “(2) to ensure that autism spectrum disorder
2 research programs and activities of the Department
3 of Health and Human Services are not unnecessarily
4 duplicative of other Federal research programs and
5 activities.”.

6 (b) DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SURVEILLANCE
7 AND RESEARCH PROGRAM.—Section 399BB of the Public
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i), as redesignated, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “for children
11 and adults” after “reporting of State epidemiological
12 data”;

13 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “establish-
14 ment of regional centers of excellence” and inserting
15 “establishment or support of regional centers of ex-
16 cellence”;

17 (3) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “center to
18 be established” and inserting “center to be estab-
19 lished or supported”; and

20 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “2014” and
21 inserting “2019”.

22 (c) AUTISM EDUCATION, EARLY DETECTION, AND
23 INTERVENTION.—Section 399CC(g) of the Public Health
24 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–1), as redesignated, is
25 amended by striking “2014” and inserting “2019”.

1 (d) INTERAGENCY AUTISM COORDINATING COM-
2 MITTEE.—

3 (1) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS BY CONGRES-
4 SIONAL LEADERS.—Section 399DD(c)(1) of the
5 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–2(c)(1)),
6 as redesignated, is amended—

7 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
8 “and” at the end;

9 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
10 subparagraph (I); and

11 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
12 the following:

13 “(E) one member appointed by the Speak-
14 er of the House of Representatives;

15 “(F) one member appointed by the major-
16 ity leader of the Senate;

17 “(G) one member appointed by the minor-
18 ity leader of the House of Representatives;

19 “(H) one member appointed by the minor-
20 ity leader of the Senate; and”.

21 (2) PREVENTING DUPLICATION.—Section
22 399DD(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
23 U.S.C. 280i–2(b)), as redesignated, is amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at
25 the end;

1 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
2 paragraph (7); and

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
4 following:

5 “(6) include in such strategic plan rec-
6 ommendations to ensure that autism spectrum dis-
7 order research programs and activities of the De-
8 partment of Health and Human Services are not un-
9 necessarily duplicative of other Federal research pro-
10 grams and activities; and”.

11 (3) EXTENSION OF SUNSET PROVISION.—Sec-
12 tion 399DD(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 280i–2), as redesignated, is amended by
14 striking “2014” and inserting “2019”.

15 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Section 399EE of the
16 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–3), as redesi-
17 gnated, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Combating
19 Autism Reauthorization Act of 2011” and inserting
20 “Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2014”;
21 and

22 (2) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “provi-
24 sions of the Combating Autism Act of 2006”

1 and inserting “provisions of this part, section
2 404H, and section 409C”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “provi-
4 sions of Combating Autism Act of 2006” and
5 inserting “provisions of this part, section 404H,
6 and section 409C”;

7 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Com-
8 bating Autism Act of 2006” and inserting
9 “Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of
10 2011”;

11 (D) in paragraphs (4) and (5), by striking
12 “over the 6-year period beginning on” each
13 place it appears and inserting “since”;

14 (E) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (F) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-
17 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (G) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(10) a description of the actions taken to im-
20 plement, and the progress made on implementation,
21 of the strategic plan developed by the Interagency
22 Autism Coordinating Committee.”.

23 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
24 399FF of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–
25 4), as redesignated, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “399AA” and inserting
3 “399BB”; and

4 (B) by striking “fiscal years 2012 through
5 2014” and inserting “fiscal years 2015 through
6 2019”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by striking “399BB” and inserting
9 “399CC”; and

10 (B) by striking “fiscal years 2011 through
11 2014” and inserting “fiscal years 2015 through
12 2019”; and

13 (3) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) by striking “399CC” and inserting
15 “399DD”; and

16 (B) by striking “\$161,000,000 for each of
17 fiscal years 2011 through 2014” and inserting
18 “\$190,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015
19 through 2019”.

20 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON DEMOGRAPHICS AND**
21 **NEEDS OF ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM**
22 **DISORDER.**

23 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 24 months after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
25 of the United States shall complete a study and submit

1 to the Congress a report on the demographics and needs,
2 if any, of individuals in the United States with an autism
3 spectrum disorder (in this section referred to as “ASD”).

4 (b) ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED.—The study and re-
5 port under subsection (a) shall—

6 (1) address the demographics of individuals
7 with ASD making the transition from a school-based
8 support system to adulthood;

9 (2) address the needs, if any, of adults with
10 ASD with respect to—

11 (A) community integration;

12 (B) housing and residential supports;

13 (C) employment;

14 (D) transportation;

15 (E) vocational training and rehabilitation;

16 (F) continued education;

17 (G) health care and social services;

18 (H) speech therapy;

19 (I) public safety; and

20 (J) day habilitation activities, including
21 those to provide a safe, respectful, and stimu-
22 lating environment that allows participants to
23 become active members of their community;

24 (3) provide an overview of Federal, State, and
25 local government policies and programs, and any

1 available private (including private nonprofit) sector
2 assistance, for addressing the needs identified in
3 paragraph (2); and

4 (4) provide policy recommendations to—

5 (A) improve outcomes for adults with ASD
6 making the transition from a school-based sup-
7 port system to adulthood;

8 (B) enhance the effectiveness of the poli-
9 cies, programs, and assistance described in
10 paragraph (3);

11 (C) ensure integration of and collaboration
12 among services for addressing the needs of
13 adults with ASD; and

14 (D) encourage independent living, equal
15 opportunity, full participation, and economic
16 self-sufficiency.

17 (c) SURVEY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section,
19 the Comptroller General shall conduct a survey of
20 public and private sector stakeholders on—

21 (A) the needs, if any, of adults with ASD;

22 (B) the services and resources available for
23 addressing such needs; and

24 (C) the effectiveness of such services and
25 resources.

1 (2) STAKEHOLDERS.—The stakeholders to be
2 surveyed under paragraph (1) include the following:

3 (A) Individuals from the business commu-
4 nity representing both large and small busi-
5 nesses.

6 (B) Institutions of higher education, com-
7 munity colleges, vocational schools, and univer-
8 sity centers for excellence in developmental dis-
9 abilities.

10 (C) Social service providers, including case
11 management experts and health care providers.

12 (D) Vocational rehabilitation experts.

13 (E) State and local housing departments
14 and nonprofit organizations that provide hous-
15 ing services for individuals with disabilities.

16 (F) Individuals with ASD, parents of indi-
17 viduals with ASD, and representatives from ad-
18 vocacy groups that focus on individuals with
19 ASD.

20 (G) Officials or employees of the Federal
21 Government responsible for overseeing disability
22 services at each of the following departments
23 and agencies:

24 (i) The Department of Health and
25 Human Services, including the Administra-

1 tion for Children and Families, the Centers
2 for Disease Control and Prevention, the
3 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,
4 the Health Resources and Services Admin-
5 istration, and the Administration for Com-
6 munity Living.

7 (ii) The Department of Education.

8 (iii) The Department of Housing and
9 Urban Development.

10 (iv) The Department of Labor.

11 (v) The Department of Justice.

12 (vi) The Department of Transpor-
13 tation.

14 (vii) Any other Federal departments
15 and agencies determined appropriate by
16 the Comptroller General.

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