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S. 1719

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Poison Center Network
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS**
2 **NATIONAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER.**

3 Section 1271 of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 300d–71) is amended by striking subsection (b)
5 and inserting the following:

6 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
8 \$700,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 for
9 the maintenance of the nationwide toll free phone number
10 under subsection (a).”.

11 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONWIDE MEDIA CAM-**
12 **PAIGN TO PROMOTE POISON CONTROL CEN-**
13 **TER UTILIZATION.**

14 Section 1272 of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 300d–72) is amended by striking subsection (d)
16 and inserting the following:

17 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
19 \$800,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”.

20 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE POISON CONTROL CEN-**
21 **TER GRANT PROGRAM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1273 of the Public Health
23 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–73) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

25 (A) by striking “certified” and inserting
26 “accredited”; and

1 (B) by striking “certification” and insert-
2 ing “accreditation”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “estab-
5 lish” and inserting “research, establish, imple-
6 ment”;

7 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
8 through (7) as paragraphs (5) through (8);

9 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3), the
10 following:

11 “(4) to research, improve, and enhance the
12 communications and response capability and capac-
13 ity of the nation’s network of poison control centers
14 to facilitate increased access to the Centers through
15 the integration and modernization of the current
16 poison control centers communications and data sys-
17 tem, including enhancing the network’s telephony,
18 Internet, data and social networking technologies;”;

19 (D) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated),
20 by striking “paragraph (4)” and inserting
21 “paragraph (5)”; and

22 (E) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated),
23 by striking “and respond” and inserting “and
24 Internet communications, and to sustain and

1 enhance the poison control center’s network ca-
2 pability to respond”;

3 (3) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
5 “CERTIFICATION” and inserting “ACCREDITA-
6 TION”;

7 (B) by striking “certified” each place that
8 such term appears and inserting “accredited”;
9 and

10 (C) by striking “certification” each place
11 that such term appears and inserting “accredi-
12 tation”;

13 (4) in subsection (d)—

14 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
15 “CERTIFICATION” and inserting “ACCREDITA-
16 TION”;

17 (B) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by striking “the certification” and
19 inserting “the accreditation”;

20 (ii) by striking “a noncertified” and
21 inserting “a nonaccredited”; and

22 (iii) by striking “a certification” and
23 inserting “an accreditation”; and

24 (C) in paragraph (3)—

25 (i) by striking the last sentence; and

1 (ii) by striking “exceed 5 years.” and
2 inserting the following “exceed—
3 “(A) 5 years; or
4 “(B) in the case of a non-accredited poison
5 control center operating pursuant to a waiver
6 under this subsection as of October 1, 2014, 6
7 years.”;

8 (5) in subsection (f), by striking “for activities
9 of the center” and inserting “for its activities”; and
10 (6) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
14 \$28,600,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.
15 The Secretary may utilize an amount not to exceed 6 per-
16 cent of the amount appropriated under this preceding sen-
17 tence in each fiscal year for coordination, dissemination,
18 technical assistance, program evaluation, data activities,
19 and other program administration functions, which are de-
20 termined by the Secretary to be appropriate for carrying
21 out the program under this section.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act and shall apply to grants made on or
2 after October 1, 2014.

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