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H. R. 2464

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma centers with violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2019

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (for himself and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma centers with violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

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 “End the Cycle of Vio-
5 lence Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CENTERS**
2 **WITH VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND VIO-**
3 **LENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 399V-7. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CEN-**
8 **TERS WITH VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND**
9 **VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED.**—

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 9 months
12 after the date of enactment of the End the Cycle of
13 Violence Act of 2019, the Secretary shall award 10
14 grants to eligible entities for the purpose of carrying
15 out the activities described in subsection (c).

16 “(2) **GRANT AMOUNT.**—The amount of each of
17 the grants awarded under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
18 year shall be equal to the amount that is 10 percent
19 of the total amount made available for grants under
20 this section for such fiscal year.

21 “(3) **GRANT DURATION.**—Each grant awarded
22 under paragraph (1) shall be for a period of three
23 years.

24 “(4) **SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.**—A grant
25 awarded under paragraph (1) to an eligible entity
26 shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any

1 other funds provided to such entity for carrying out
2 the activities described in subsection (e).

3 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
4 a grant under subsection (a)(1), an entity shall—

5 “(1) either be—

6 “(A) a State-designated trauma center, or
7 a trauma center verified by the American Col-
8 lege of Surgeons, that conducts a violence inter-
9 vention or violence prevention program; or

10 “(B) a nonprofit entity that conducts a
11 program described in subparagraph (A) in co-
12 operation with a trauma center described in
13 such subparagraph; and

14 “(2) submit to the Secretary an application at
15 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
16 formation as the Secretary may require.

17 “(c) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—An entity that receives
18 a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall use the grant funds
19 to conduct or expand research on the effectiveness of vio-
20 lence prevention efforts in reducing the incidence of re-
21 injury and re-incarceration caused by intentional violent
22 trauma, excluding intimate partner violence.

23 “(d) REPORTS.—

24 “(1) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An entity that re-
2 ceives a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall
3 submit reports on the use of the grant funds to
4 the Secretary, including progress reports, as re-
5 quired by the Secretary. Such reports shall in-
6 clude—

7 “(i) any findings of research con-
8 ducted, or expanded, by the entity under
9 subsection (c); and

10 “(ii) if applicable, the manner in
11 which the entity has incorporated such
12 findings in the violence intervention or vio-
13 lence prevention program conducted by
14 such entity.

15 “(B) OPTION FOR JOINT REPORT.—To the
16 extent feasible and appropriate, an entity that
17 receives a grant under subsection (a)(1) may
18 elect to coordinate with one or more other enti-
19 ties that have received such a grant to submit
20 a joint report that meets the requirements of
21 subparagraph (A).

22 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 six years after the date of enactment of the End the
24 Cycle of Violence Act of 2019, the Secretary shall
25 submit to Congress a report—

1 “(A) on any findings resulting from re-
2 ports submitted to the Secretary under para-
3 graph (1);

4 “(B) on best practices developed by the
5 Secretary under subsection (e); and

6 “(C) with recommendations for legislative
7 action relating to intentional violent trauma
8 prevention that the Secretary determines appro-
9 priate.

10 “(e) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than six years
11 after the date of enactment of the End the Cycle of Vio-
12 lence Act of 2019, the Secretary shall—

13 “(1) develop, and post on a public website of
14 the Department of Health and Human Services, best
15 practices for intentional violent trauma prevention,
16 based on any findings reported to the Secretary
17 under subsection (d)(1); and

18 “(2) disseminate such best practices to stake-
19 holders, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

20 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
21 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
22 priated \$7,500,000 for the period of fiscal years 2020
23 through 2023.”.

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