118TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R.670

AN ACT

- To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a website to promote awareness of available resources for individuals with disabilities, 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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Think Differently
- 3 Database Act".
- 4 SEC. 2. PROMOTING AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE RE-
- 5 SOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABIL-
- 6 ITIES.
- 7 (a) In General.—Not later than 3 years after the
- 8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
- 9 and Human Services (in this section referred to as the
- 10 "Secretary") shall establish and update periodically a pub-
- 11 licly available website to provide information with respect
- 12 to resources and information for people with a disability
- 13 and the caregivers and families of such people. Such
- 14 website shall include—
- 15 (1) information on eligibility to receive medical
- assistance under a State plan under the Medicaid
- program under title XIX of the Social Security Act
- 18 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seg.) (or a waiver of such plan)
- based on a disability, including general information
- about eligibility under subclauses (XIII), (XV),
- 21 (XVI), and (XIX) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of
- the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
- 23 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii);
- 24 (2) which States offer eligibility under sub-
- clauses (XIII), (XV), (XVI), and (XIX) of section

- 1 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42
 2 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii));
- (3) each State's specific eligibility requirements,
 if applicable, under subclauses (XIII), (XV), (XVI),
 and (XIX) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii));
 - (4) information about how to contact each State's Medicaid office for information about Medicaid, including links and phone numbers for State contacts;
 - (5) general information on Medicaid-covered long-term services and supports that may be available to individuals eligible for medical assistance under a State plan under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (or a waiver of such plan); and
 - (6) where applicable, the average amount of time that individuals newly enrolled in a State's waiver program for home and community-based services in the past 12 months were on the list of individuals waiting to enroll in such waiver program, in such a manner and process as described in section 441.311(d)(1)(iii) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.

- 1 (b) Promotion.—The Secretary shall, as applicable
- 2 and appropriate, identify and disseminate promotional ac-
- 3 tivities to improve, among people with a disability and the
- 4 caretakers and families of such people, the awareness of
- 5 the resources included in the website established under
- 6 subsection (a), such as through collaboration with the So-
- 7 cial Security Administration during its annual updates to
- 8 the Red Book.
- 9 (c) Model.—In establishing the website under this
- 10 section, the Secretary may use the website
- 11 thinkdifferently.net as a model.
- 12 (d) Nonapplication of Paperwork Reduction
- 13 Act.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (com-
- 14 monly referred to as the "Paperwork Reduction Act of
- 15 1995"), shall not apply to the implementation of this sec-
- 16 tion.

Passed the House of Representatives December 17, 2024.

Attest:

Clerk.

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