

# Union Calendar No. 430

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7208

[Report No. 118–518]

To reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Mr. PASCRELL (for himself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

MAY 22, 2024

Additional sponsors: Ms. NORTON, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. GRIJALVA,  
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. CRENSHAW

MAY 22, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 1, 2024]

# **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 “Dennis John Beningo*  
5       *Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of*  
6       *2024”.*

7       **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-**  
8               **JURY SURVEILLANCE AND REGISTRIES.**

9       *Section 393C of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
10       *U.S.C. 280b–1d) is amended by striking subsection (b).*

11       **SEC. 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INJURIES.**

12       *Section 394A(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
13       *U.S.C. 280b–3(b)) is amended by striking “fiscal years*  
14       *2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025*  
15       *through 2029”.*

16       **SEC. 4. STATE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS REGARDING TRAU-**  
17               **MATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

18       *Section 1252 of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
19       *U.S.C. 300d–52) is amended—*

20               *(1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “that is not*  
21       *less than \$1 for each \$2 of Federal funds provided*  
22       *under the grant.” and inserting the following: “that*  
23       *is—*

1           “(A) for fiscal years 2020 through 2024, not  
2           less than \$1 for each \$2 of Federal funds pro-  
3           vided under the grant; and

4           “(B) for fiscal year 2025 and each suc-  
5           ceeding fiscal year, not less than \$0.50 for each  
6           \$2 of Federal funds provided under the grant.”;

7           (2) by striking subsection (e);

8           (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (i)  
9           as subsections (e) through (h), respectively;

10          (4) by amending subsection (g)(2), as so redesign-  
11          ated, to read as follows:

12                 “(2)(A) The term ‘traumatic brain injury’  
13                 means an acquired injury to the brain.

14                 “(B) Such term—

15                         “(i) does not include brain dysfunction  
16                         caused by congenital or degenerative disorders,  
17                         nor birth trauma; and

18                         “(ii) may include—

19                                 “(I) brain injuries caused by anoxia  
20                                 due to trauma; and

21                                 “(II) damage to the brain from an in-  
22                                 ternal or external source that results in tox-  
23                                 icity, surgery, or vascular disorders not as-  
24                                 sociated with aging.

1           “(C) *The Secretary may revise the definition of*  
 2           *such term as the Secretary determines necessary, after*  
 3           *consultation with States and other appropriate public*  
 4           *or nonprofit private entities.*”; and

5           (5) *in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by strik-*  
 6           *ing “fiscal years 2020 through 2024” and inserting*  
 7           *“fiscal years 2025 through 2029”.*

8   **SEC. 5. STATE GRANTS FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY**  
 9           **SERVICES.**

10          *Section 1253(l) of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
 11          *U.S.C. 300d–53(l)) is amended by striking “fiscal years*  
 12          *2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025*  
 13          *through 2029”.*

14   **SEC. 6. REPORT ON DESIGNATING BRAIN INJURY AS A**  
 15           **CHRONIC CONDITION.**

16          *The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting*  
 17          *through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and*  
 18          *Prevention, shall—*

19               (1) *examine the evidence base for designating*  
 20               *brain injury as a chronic condition that can impact*  
 21               *individuals with brain injury across the lifespan; and*

22               (2) *not later than 2 years after the date of enact-*  
 23               *ment of this Act—*

24                       (A) *submit to the Committee on Energy and*  
 25                       *Commerce of the House of Representatives and*

1           *the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and*  
2           *Pensions of the Senate a report detailing the*  
3           *findings, conclusions, and recommendations of*  
4           *the examination described in paragraph (1); and*  
5           *(B) make publicly available on the website*  
6           *of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-*  
7           *tion the report described in subparagraph (A).*



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