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H. R. 10171

To establish a supplemental food and nutrition services grant program, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORELLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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program, 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 “Improving Health
5 Through Integrated Food and Nutrition Services at Fed-
6 erally Qualified Health Centers Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Millions of Americans face food insecurity,
2 which is a key driver of poor health outcomes and
3 chronic disease.

4 (2) Federally qualified health centers are
5 uniquely positioned to integrate food and nutrition
6 services into clinical care.

7 (3) Federally qualified health centers serve pop-
8 ulations that are disproportionately affected by food
9 insecurity, chronic disease, and limited access to af-
10 fordable, nutritious food. Addressing food access as
11 a health intervention is essential to improving pa-
12 tient outcomes and reducing long-term health care
13 costs.

14 **SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES**
15 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and
17 Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the
18 Health Resources and Services Administration, (in this
19 section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish a
20 program to award grants, on a competitive basis, to Fed-
21 erally qualified health centers to—

- 22 (1) implement food insecurity screening tools;
23 (2) operate on-site food pantries;
24 (3) partner with food banks, farms, and nutri-
25 tion assistance programs;

1 (4) employ registered dieticians and nutrition
2 professionals; and

3 (5) offer culturally tailored nutrition education.

4 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
5 this section, a Federally qualified health center shall sub-
6 mit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such
7 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
8 may require.

9 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILD-
10 ING.—The Secretary shall provide to recipients of grants
11 under this section—

12 (1) training and best practices for integrating
13 food and nutrition services into care delivery; and

14 (2) support for data collection, evaluation, and
15 reporting.

16 (d) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL NUTRITION
17 PROGRAMS.—In administering the program under this
18 section, the Secretary shall coordinate with the Secretary
19 of Agriculture and the Administrator for the Centers for
20 Medicare & Medicaid Services to—

21 (1) streamline referrals and enrollment in—

22 (A) the supplemental nutrition assistance
23 program under the Food and Nutrition Act of
24 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) (in this section
25 referred to as “SNAP”);

1 (B) the special supplemental nutrition pro-
2 gram for women, infants, and children under
3 section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
4 (42 U.S.C. 1786) (in this section referred to as
5 “WIC”); and

6 (C) other nutrition programs;

7 (2) encourage Medicaid waivers or demonstra-
8 tion projects that support nutrition services as reim-
9 bursable care; and

10 (3) explore opportunities under value-based
11 payment models to fund food and nutrition interven-
12 tions.

13 (e) REPORTING AND EVALUATION.—As a condition
14 of receiving a grant under this section, a Federally quali-
15 fied health center shall agree to submit to the Secretary
16 annual reports detailing—

17 (1) the number of patients served by the grant;

18 (2) the number of referrals to, and enrollments
19 in, SNAP, WIC, and other nutrition programs; and

20 (3) the community partnerships and resource
21 utilization facilitated by the grant.

22 (f) FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER DE-
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “Federally qualified
24 health center” has the meaning given the term in section

1 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
2 1395x(aa)).

3 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

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