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To require the Office of Children’s Health Protection to be maintained within the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TOKUDA, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. CHU, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. SORENSEN, and Mr. THANEDAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Children’s Health Pro-
5 tection Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
3 ronmental Protection Agency shall maintain, within the
4 Agency, the Office of Children's Health Protection.

5 (b) DIRECTOR.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be headed
7 by a Director.

8 (2) APPOINTMENT.—The Director of the Office
9 shall be appointed by, and report to, the Adminis-
10 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency. In
11 making such appointment, the Administrator shall
12 take into consideration the recommendations of the
13 Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee.

14 (3) CO-CHAIR OF PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE.—
15 The Administrator of the Environmental Protection
16 Agency shall delegate to the Director of the Office
17 responsibility to serve as Co-Chair, on behalf of the
18 Administrator, of the President's Task Force on En-
19 vironmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Chil-
20 dren established by Executive Order 13045.

21 (c) DUTIES.—The Director of the Office shall—

22 (1) identify and assess environmental health
23 risks and safety risks that may disproportionately
24 affect infants, children, and adolescents;

25 (2) work to ensure that Federal policies, pro-
26 grams, activities, and standards address dispropor-

1 tionate risks to infants, children, and adolescents
2 that result from environmental health risks or safety
3 risks, including consideration of the unique environ-
4 mental justice concerns affecting infants, children,
5 and adolescents;

6 (3) coordinate Federal research and programs,
7 including grant programs, to advance the activities
8 described in paragraphs (1) and (2);

9 (4) advise other offices of the Environmental
10 Protection Agency and other Federal agencies on all
11 matters related to and concerning environmental
12 health risks to infants, children, and adolescents;

13 (5) carry out other duties as the Administrator
14 determines appropriate, including any responsibil-
15 ities of the Administrator under Executive Order
16 13045; and

17 (6) carry out national activities to—

18 (A) reduce negative environmental impacts
19 on infants, children, and adolescents through
20 involvement in rulemaking, policy, enforcement
21 actions, research, and applications of science
22 that focuses on prenatal and childhood
23 vulnerabilities;

1 (B) help protect infants, children, and ado-
2 lescents through promoting and issuing guid-
3 ance for safe chemicals management;

4 (C) coordinate community-based programs
5 to eliminate threats to infants', children's, and
6 adolescents' health;

7 (D) increase the environmental health lit-
8 eracy of health care providers through support
9 of pediatric environmental health specialty
10 units;

11 (E) evaluate and communicate trends in
12 environmental contaminants that may con-
13 tribute to childhood disease;

14 (F) develop and publish resources for local
15 educational agencies to establish, maintain, or
16 enhance a school environmental health program;
17 and

18 (G) otherwise protect infants, children, and
19 adolescents from environmental health risks or
20 safety risks.

21 (d) TRANSITION.—The Administrator of the Environ-
22 mental Protection Agency shall make such changes to the
23 Office of Children's Health Protection of the Environ-
24 mental Protection Agency, as in existence on the day be-
25 fore the date of enactment of this Act, as may be nec-

1 essary for such Office to become the Office required by
2 subsection (a).

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
4 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
5 \$7,842,000 for fiscal year 2026 and each subsequent fiscal
6 year.

7 **SEC. 3. CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ADVISORY COM-**
8 **MITTEE.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the En-
10 vironmental Protection Agency shall maintain an advisory
11 committee, to be known as the Children's Health Protec-
12 tion Advisory Committee, to—

13 (1) provide advice and recommendations to the
14 Administrator and other officials of the Environ-
15 mental Protection Agency regarding the programs
16 and activities of the Office;

17 (2) advise the Administrator and other officials
18 of the Environmental Protection Agency on regula-
19 tions, research, and communications related to in-
20 fant's, children's and adolescent's health; and

21 (3) support the Environmental Protection
22 Agency, including the Office, in implementing Exec-
23 utive Order 13045 and other issues related to in-
24 fants', children's, and adolescents' health protection
25 as deemed appropriate by the Administrator.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Children’s
2 Health Protection Advisory Committee shall be subject to
3 chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, except that the
4 Children’s Health Protection Advisory Committee shall be
5 a permanent advisory committee and shall not terminate
6 under section 1013 of such title.

7 (c) TRANSITION.—The President, acting through the
8 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency,
9 shall make such changes to the Children’s Health Protec-
10 tion Advisory Committee established pursuant to Execu-
11 tive Order 13045 as may be necessary for such Advisory
12 Committee to become the advisory committee required by
13 this section.

14 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

15 In this Act:

16 (1) CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROTECTION ADVI-
17 SORY COMMITTEE.—The term “Children’s Health
18 Protection Advisory Committee” means the advisory
19 committee maintained pursuant to section 3.

20 (2) EXECUTIVE ORDER 13045.—The term “Ex-
21 ecutive Order 13045” means Executive Order 10345
22 (relating to protection of children from environ-
23 mental health risks and safety risks) published in
24 the Federal Register on April 23, 1997 (62 Fed.
25 Reg. 19885).

1 (3) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
2 “local educational agency” has the meaning given to
3 such term in section 8101 of the Elementary and
4 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

5 (4) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the Of-
6 fice of Children’s Health Protection maintained pur-
7 suant to section 2.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 To carry out this Act, there is authorized to be appro-
10 priated \$13,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through
11 2030.

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