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# H. R. 7911

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and Workforce

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## 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 “Dream’s Caregiver  
5       Health and Wellness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DREAM GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
3 Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the  
4 Administration for Community Living (in this section re-  
5 ferred to as the “Secretary”), shall establish a program  
6 under which the Secretary will award grants to nonprofit  
7 organizations to carry out programs and activities in-  
8 tended to promote caregiver wellness, including by—

9 (1) strengthening caregiver retention and reduc-  
10 ing burnout;

11 (2) improving mental health and wellness for  
12 caregivers;

13 (3) building a caregiver support network;

14 (4) strengthening community cohesion among  
15 caregivers and grant recipients; and

16 (5) sustaining the importance of layered, flexi-  
17 ble, and sustainable caregiver supports that adapt to  
18 changing caregiver needs over time.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—A nonprofit organization seeking  
20 a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary  
21 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-  
22 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

23 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A nonprofit organization that  
24 receives a grant under this section may use funds received  
25 through the grant to provide caregivers with—

26 (1) meals;

1           (2) transportation to and from their place of  
2       work;

3           (3) mental health services (including post-trau-  
4       matic stress disorder services and supports);

5           (4) holistic wellness programs; and

6           (5) any other services determined appropriate  
7       by the Secretary.

8       (d) REPORTS.—Beginning not later than 90 days  
9       after the last day of the first year in which grants are  
10      awarded under this section, and annually thereafter, the  
11      Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report containing  
12      specifying—

13           (1) how each recipient used funds received  
14      through the grant;

15           (2) the populations served by each recipient  
16      using such grant funds; and

17           (3) any measurable outcomes achieved with re-  
18      spect to caregiver wellness and retention as a result  
19      of the award of such grants.

20       (e) CAREGIVER DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
21      “caregiver” means an individual who provides com-  
22      pensated or compensated care to a senior, an individual  
23      with an intellectual or developmental disability, or an indi-  
24      vidual with a chronic illness who needs supportive services.

1       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3 \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

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