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H. R. 8067

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN 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 “Candis King Hope for
5 Sickle Cell Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SICKLE CELL DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-

1 ters for Disease Control and Prevention (in this Act re-
2 ferred to as the “Secretary”), shall carry out a program
3 under which the Secretary will collect data on the inci-
4 dence and prevalence of sickle cell disease in the United
5 States, to be known as the Sickle Cell Data Collection pro-
6 gram, through awarding grants to States for the following
7 purposes:

8 (1) To collect and maintain data on sickle cell
9 disease to gain a better understanding of the inci-
10 dence and prevalence of sickle cell disease in the
11 United States, the demographics of individuals in
12 the United States living with sickle cell disease, and
13 the healthcare utilization patterns of individuals in
14 the United States living with sickle cell disease.

15 (2) To collaborate with other entities who re-
16 ceived grants under the Sickle Cell Data Collection
17 program of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
18 vention (as in effect on the day before the date of
19 the enactment of this Act) and the Centers for Dis-
20 ease Control and Prevention for purposes of increas-
21 ing the standardization of methods for sickle cell dis-
22 ease surveillance.

23 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the pro-

1 gram referred to in subsection (a), \$10,000,000 for each
2 of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

3 **SEC. 3. DIVISION OF BLOOD DISORDERS AND PUBLIC**
4 **HEALTH GENOMICS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall reinstate any covered employee of
7 the Division of Blood Disorders and Public Health
8 Genomics of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
9 tion.

10 (b) COVERED EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this section,
11 the term “covered employee” means an employee of the
12 Division of Blood Disorders and Public Health Genomics
13 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who
14 was removed on or after January 1, 2025, under any
15 agency action (including any reduction in force conducted
16 pursuant to subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 5, United
17 States Code or any agency reorganization) that provides
18 for the removal of 3 percent or more of the total number
19 of employees at such Division within a 60-day period.

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