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H. R. 4335

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program of screenings and education regarding children with sudden cardiac arrhythmia syndromes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (for herself, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. ISRAEL) 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 “Teague Ryan Sudden
5 Child Cardiac Arrhythmia Syndromes Screening and Edu-
6 cation Act of 2004”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Each month between 250 and 600 young
2 people in the United States die suddenly and unex-
3 pectedly from cardiac arrhythmia syndromes.

4 (2) These syndromes include long Q-T syn-
5 drome, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, arrhythmogenic
6 right ventricular dysplasia, and others.

7 (3) Long Q-T syndrome is more common in the
8 United States than childhood leukemia.

9 (4) Most cardiac arrhythmia syndromes that
10 cause sudden death in the young are identifiable
11 through screenings.

12 (5) Once diagnosed, these syndromes are treat-
13 able, and individuals with these conditions can have
14 normal life spans and life-styles.

15 **SEC. 2. SCREENINGS AND EDUCATION REGARDING CHIL-**
16 **DREN WITH SUDDEN CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA**
17 **SYNDROMES.**

18 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
20 tion 317S the following section:

21 **“SEC. 317T. SCREENINGS AND EDUCATION REGARDING**
22 **CHILDREN WITH SUDDEN CARDIAC AR-**
23 **RHYTHMIA SYNDROMES.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
25 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

1 vention, may make awards of grants or contracts to
2 States, political subdivisions of States, and other public
3 or nonprofit private entities, such as the Cardiac Arrhyth-
4 mias Research and Education Foundation, for the purpose
5 of carrying out programs—

6 “(1) to screen children for sudden cardiac ar-
7 rhythmia syndromes;

8 “(2) to provide referrals for medical services re-
9 garding such syndromes; and

10 “(3) to provide education on such syndromes to
11 health professionals and the general public, including
12 education on screening methods.

13 “(b) PRIORITY IN MAKING AWARDS.—In making
14 awards under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pri-
15 ority—

16 “(1) to screenings and referrals under such
17 subsection for—

18 “(A) children under the age of 6; and

19 “(B) children who participate in, or intend
20 to participate in, organized sports; and

21 “(2) to educational activities under such sub-
22 section that are directed toward parents of children
23 described in paragraph (1) and health professionals
24 who commonly provide medical care for such chil-
25 dren.

1 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
2 provide technical assistance to grantees under subsection
3 (a) with respect to the planning, development, and oper-
4 ation of programs under such subsection. The Secretary
5 may provide such technical assistance directly or through
6 grants or contracts.

7 “(d) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary, directly or
8 through grants or contracts, shall provide for evaluations
9 of programs under subsection (a) in order to determine
10 the quality and effectiveness of the programs.

11 “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
12 term ‘children’ means individuals under the age of 19.

13 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
14 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
15 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, and
16 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
17 2006 through 2009.”.

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