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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

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Mrs. MCCARTHY (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. STARK, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Mr. BISHOP of New York) 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 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

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

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

9 (3) Long Q–T syndrome is more common in the
10 United States than childhood leukemia.

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

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

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

20 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
22 tion 317S the following section:

1 **“SEC. 317T. SCREENINGS AND EDUCATION REGARDING**
2 **CHILDREN WITH SUDDEN CARDIAC AR-**
3 **RHYTHMIA SYNDROMES.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
5 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
6 vention, may make awards of grants or contracts to
7 States, political subdivisions of States, and other public
8 or nonprofit private entities, such as the Cardiac Arrhyth-
9 mias Research and Education Foundation, the Sudden Ar-
10 rhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation, and the Hyper-
11 trophic Cardiomyopathy Association, for the purpose of
12 carrying out programs—

13 “(1) to screen children for sudden cardiac ar-
14 rhythmia syndromes;

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

17 “(3) to provide education on such syndromes to
18 health professionals and the general public, including
19 education on screening methods.

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

23 “(1) to screenings and referrals under such
24 subsection for children who participate in, or intend
25 to participate in, organized sports; and

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

6 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
7 provide technical assistance to grantees under subsection
8 (a) with respect to the planning, development, and oper-
9 ation of programs under such subsection. The Secretary
10 may provide such technical assistance directly or through
11 grants or contracts.

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

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

18 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
19 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
20 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
21 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
22 2007 through 2010.”.

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