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H. R. 4344

To establish a demonstration program to provide comprehensive health assessments for students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a demonstration program to provide comprehensive health assessments for students.

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 “Student Health Assess-
5 ment Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to
8 provide grants to 10 local educational agencies to develop

1 and complete comprehensive health assessments for stu-
2 dents.

3 (b) SELECTION.—To ensure a broad sample of stu-
4 dents across the Nation, the Secretary shall take into con-
5 sideration school size, socioeconomic status and ethnic
6 composition of students, and location when awarding
7 grants under this Act.

8 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
9 under this Act, a local educational agency shall—

10 (1) submit an application to the Secretary at
11 such time and in such form and manner as the Sec-
12 retary may reasonably require; and

13 (2) provide an assurance that the agency will
14 strongly encourage parents of students who attend
15 schools served by such agency to allow their child to
16 participate in a comprehensive health assessment.

17 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—A local educational agency that
19 receives a grant award under this Act shall—

20 (1) notify parents, through the use of written
21 notification, public meetings, and electronic and
22 broadcast media, of the availability and benefit of a
23 comprehensive health assessment;

24 (2) assist parents who qualify to apply for the
25 State Children's Health Insurance Program estab-

1 lished under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
2 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.); and

3 (3) facilitate or provide a comprehensive health
4 assessment described in subsection (b) to each par-
5 ticipating student.

6 (b) ASSESSMENT.—

7 (1) CHECKLIST.—The Secretary of Education,
8 in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services, shall develop a checklist for local
10 educational agencies to provide physicians or health
11 care workers authorized to conduct comprehensive
12 health assessments.

13 (2) ASSESSMENT.—Each assessment shall be
14 performed by an authorized physician or health care
15 provider, chosen by the parents and authorized to
16 participate in the program by the local educational
17 agency, and shall include—

18 (A) a physical evaluation; and

19 (B) a psycho-social evaluation.

20 (c) RESULTS.—The local educational agency shall—

21 (1) upon request, make available the results of
22 each health assessment to the parents of partici-
23 pating children; and

24 (2) consolidate statistical information, without
25 including individually identifiable information, to the

1 Secretary not later than 6 months after each year of
2 participation.

3 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after funds
4 are distributed under this Act, the Secretary shall submit
5 a report to Congress that includes, at a minimum, the fol-
6 lowing information:

7 (1) PARTICIPATION.—Participation of students,
8 including the socioeconomic, ethnic, and geographic
9 location of students and the size of participating
10 schools.

11 (2) SCHIP ENROLLEES.—The number of new
12 enrollees of the State Children’s Health Insurance
13 Program resulting from implementation of this Act.

14 (3) HEALTH PROBLEMS.—Statistical break-
15 down of the number and types of health problems
16 detected through assessments conducted under this
17 Act.

18 (4) REFERRALS.—The number of physical and
19 psychological referrals made resulting from the
20 health assessments conducted pursuant to this Act.

21 **SEC. 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

22 The Secretary shall promulgate such rules and regu-
23 lations as are necessary to carry out this Act and to ensure
24 confidentiality regarding health assessment information.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
4 years 2007 through 2012.

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