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# H. R. 3964

To amend the Public Health Service Act to address the incidence of staph infections in elementary and secondary schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2007

Mr. CANTOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to address the incidence of staph infections in elementary and secondary schools.

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 “Healthy Schools Act  
5       of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. STAPH INFECTIONS IN ELEMENTARY AND SEC-**  
7       **ONDARY SCHOOLS.**

8       Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
9       (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-  
10      tion 317S the following:

1 **“SEC. 317T. STAPH INFECTIONS IN ELEMENTARY AND SEC-**  
2 **ONDARY SCHOOLS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
4 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
5 vention, shall expand and intensify programs to reduce the  
6 incidence of staph infections in elementary schools and  
7 secondary schools.

8 “(b) SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out  
9 subsection (a), the Secretary shall conduct surveillance ac-  
10 tivities to collect data on staph infections in elementary  
11 schools and secondary schools.

12 “(c) BEST PRACTICES GUIDELINES.—

13 “(1) DEVELOPMENT; PUBLICATION; DISSEMINA-  
14 TION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary  
15 shall—

16 “(A) develop not later than 6 months after  
17 the date of the enactment of the Healthy  
18 Schools Act of 2007, and periodically update  
19 thereafter, best practices guidelines for reducing  
20 the incidence of staph infections in elementary  
21 schools and secondary schools; and

22 “(B) publish and, as appropriate, dissemi-  
23 nate such guidelines.

24 “(2) GRANTS.—In carrying out subsection (a),  
25 the Secretary may make grants to elementary  
26 schools and secondary schools to improve awareness

1 of, and to implement, the guidelines developed under  
2 paragraph (1).

3 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section:

4 “(1) The terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-  
5 ondary school’ have the meanings given to those  
6 terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
7 ondary Education Act of 1965.

8 “(2) The term ‘staph infection’ means an infec-  
9 tion with *Staphylococcus aureus*.

10 “(e) RESERVATION.—Of the amounts appropriated to  
11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for a fiscal  
12 year, the Secretary shall reserve an appropriate amount  
13 to carry out this section.”.

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