

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4251

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a demonstration project for administering influenza vaccine to elementary and middle school students in qualified low-income schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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

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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 “Flu Vaccine Avail-
5 ability Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR ADMINISTERING**
2 **INFLUENZA VACCINE TO ELEMENTARY AND**
3 **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN QUALIFIED**
4 **LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of studying and
6 reducing any socioeconomic disparities in the administra-
7 tion of influenza vaccine, the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services, directly or by grant or contract, shall
9 conduct a demonstration project to administer influenza
10 vaccine to all students who are enrolled in kindergarten
11 through grade 8 in one or more qualified low-income
12 schools in a metropolitan area.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than the end of fiscal year
14 2010, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress
15 addressing the results of the demonstration project under
16 this section. At a minimum, such report shall include the
17 following:

18 (1) An analysis of—
19 (A) any socioeconomic disparities in the
20 administration of influenza vaccine to students
21 described in subsection (a); and

22 (B) the effects of the demonstration
23 project under this section on such disparities.

24 (2) Recommendations on whether the dem-
25 onstration project under this section should be ex-
26 tended or expanded.

1 (3) Recommendations on any other administra-
2 tive or legislative actions appropriate for reducing
3 socioeconomic disparities in the administration of in-
4 fluenza vaccine.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act;

6 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
7 of Health and Human Services.

8 (2) The term “qualified low-income school”
9 means a public school that—

10 (A) receives funds under part A of title I
11 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
12 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.); or

13 (B) has a high percentage, as determined
14 by the Secretary, of children eligible for free
15 and reduced priced lunches under the Richard
16 B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
17 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.).

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
19 out this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated such
20 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009
21 and 2010.

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