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H. R. 5923

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to eligible entities to train elementary and secondary school nurses on how to respond to a biological or chemical attack or an outbreak of pandemic illness in a school building or on school grounds.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2016

Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mrs. CAPPS) 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 “School Protection Act
5 of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM.**

2 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 **“PART J—TRAINING NURSES FOR RESPONDING**
6 **TO BIOTERRORISM AND PANDEMIC ILLNESS**
7 **“SEC. 875. GRANTS FOR RESPONDING TO BIOTERRORISM**
8 **AND PANDEMIC ILLNESS.**

9 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary may award
10 grants to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to
11 train school nurses to serve as first responders and crisis
12 managers in the event of—

13 “(1) a biological or chemical attack, including a
14 terrorist attack, affecting individuals in a school
15 building or on school grounds; or

16 “(2) an outbreak of pandemic illness among
17 students, faculty, or other individuals under their
18 care.

19 “(b) REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF TRAINING.—Any
20 training which is funded, in whole or in part, under this
21 section shall prepare school nurses—

22 “(1) to take such measures as may be nec-
23 essary, particularly in the critical early stages of an
24 attack or outbreak described in subsection (a), to
25 protect and preserve life;

1 “(2) as part of crisis management, to notify
2 such public health authorities as may be appropriate
3 to help contain or mitigate the effects of an attack
4 or outbreak described in subsection (a); and

5 “(3) to take such other actions as may be ap-
6 propriate and feasible, such as, in the case of a bio-
7 logical or chemical attack, the preservation of evi-
8 dence.

9 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

10 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The term ‘eligible
11 entities’ shall have the same meaning as is given
12 such term in section 801, and includes—

13 “(A) a State educational agency (as de-
14 fined in section 9101(41) of the Elementary
15 and Secondary Education Act of 1965); and

16 “(B) a local educational agency (as defined
17 in section 9101(26) of the Elementary and Sec-
18 ondary Education Act of 1965).

19 “(2) SCHOOL.—The term ‘school’ means—

20 “(A) an elementary school (as defined in
21 section 9101(18) of the Elementary and Sec-
22 ondary Education Act of 1965); and

23 “(B) a secondary school (as defined in sec-
24 tion 9101(38) of the Elementary and Secondary
25 Education Act of 1965).

1 “(3) SCHOOL GROUNDS.—The term ‘school
2 grounds’ means the area outside of a school building
3 that is controlled, managed, or owned by the school
4 or school district.

5 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
6 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
7 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each fiscal year after
8 fiscal year 2017.”.

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