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S. 2565

To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize grants to assist children affected by methamphetamine, opioid, or other substance abuse under the promoting safe and stable families program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Protecting Families
5 Affected by Substance Abuse Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS TO ASSIST CHIL-**
 2 **DREN AFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE,**
 3 **OPIOID, OR OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE.**

4 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—

5 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 Section 436(b)(5) of the Social Security Act (42
 7 U.S.C. 629f(b)(5)) is amended by inserting “In ad-
 8 dition to any amount appropriated pursuant to sec-
 9 tion 436, there are authorized to be appropriated for
 10 awarding grants under section 437(f) \$20,000,000
 11 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.” after
 12 “2016.”.

13 (2) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—Section 437(f) of
 14 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)) is
 15 amended—

16 (A) in paragraph (2)(B)—

17 (i) in clause (i), by inserting “and
 18 such State child welfare agency should co-
 19 ordinate to a reasonable degree with the
 20 State agency described in subparagraph
 21 (A)(ii)” after “partners”; and

22 (ii) in clause (iii), by inserting “and
 23 the State agencies described in such clause
 24 (i) and (ii) should coordinate to a reason-
 25 able degree with each other in carrying out
 26 activities funded in whole or in part with

1 funds provided through a grant awarded
 2 under this subsection” after “other State
 3 agency described in such clause (i) or (ii)”;
 4 (B) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “and
 5 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021”
 6 after “2016”; and
 7 (C) in paragraph (10), by striking “each of
 8 fiscal years 2012 through 2016” and inserting
 9 “any fiscal year”.

10 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 11 by this subsection take effect on October 1, 2016.

12 (b) EVALUATIONS.—Not later than December 31,
 13 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
 14 evaluate the effectiveness of the grants awarded to re-
 15 gional partnerships under section 437(f) of the Social Se-
 16 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)) and shall publish a report
 17 regarding the results of each evaluation on the website of
 18 the Department of Health and Human Services. Each re-
 19 port required to be published under this subsection shall
 20 include—

21 (1) an evaluation of the programs and activities
 22 conducted, and the services provided, with the grant
 23 funds awarded under such section;

24 (2) an analysis of the regional partnerships
 25 awarded such grants that have, and have not, been

1 successful in achieving the goals and outcomes speci-
2 fied in their grant applications and with respect to
3 the performance indicators established by the Sec-
4 retary under paragraph (8) of such section that are
5 applicable to their grant awards; and

6 (3) an analysis of the extent to which such
7 grants have been successful in addressing the needs
8 of families with methamphetamine, opioid, or other
9 substance abuse problems who come to the attention
10 of the child welfare system and in achieving the
11 goals of child safety, permanence, and family sta-
12 bility.

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