

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3927

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 2017

Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ENSURING STATE FLEXIBILITY IN OFFERING**
2 **CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE BUY-IN**
3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) BLENDING RISK POOLS.—Section 2107 of the
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397gg) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following:

7 “(g) USE OF BLENDED RISK POOLS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title (or
9 any other provision of Federal law) shall be con-
10 strued as preventing a State from considering chil-
11 dren enrolled in a qualified children’s health insur-
12 ance buy-in program and children enrolled in a State
13 child health plan under this title (or a waiver of such
14 plan) as members of a single-risk pool.

15 “(2) QUALIFIED CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSUR-
16 ANCE BUY-IN PROGRAM.—In this subsection, the
17 term ‘qualified children’s health insurance buy-in
18 program’ means a State program—

19 “(A) under which children who are under
20 the age of 18 and are not eligible to receive
21 medical assistance under title XIX or child
22 health assistance under this title may purchase
23 coverage through the State that provides bene-
24 fits that are at least identical to the benefits
25 provided under the State child health plan
26 under this title (or a waiver of such plan); or

1 “(B) that is funded exclusively through
2 non-Federal funds, including funds received by
3 the State in the form of premiums for the pur-
4 chase of such coverage.”.

5 (b) MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5000A(f)(1)(A) of
7 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

8 (A) in clause (vi), by striking “or” at the
9 end;

10 (B) in clause (vii), by striking the period
11 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new
13 clause:

14 “(viii) a qualified children’s health in-
15 surance buy-in program (as defined in sec-
16 tion 2107(g) of the Social Security Act).”.

17 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
18 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to taxable
19 years beginning after December 31, 2017.

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