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S. 2923

To support the development of evidence-based family-focused residential treatment programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2018

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) 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 “Building Capacity for
5 Family-Focused Residential Treatment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible enti-
9 ty” means a State, county, local, or tribal health or
10 child welfare agency, a private nonprofit organiza-

tion, a research organization, a treatment service provider, an institution of higher education (as defined under section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)), or another entity specified by the Secretary.

(2) FAMILY-FOCUSED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM.—The term “family-focused residential treatment program” means a trauma-informed residential program primarily for substance use disorder treatment for pregnant and postpartum women and parents and guardians that allows children to reside with such women or their parents or guardians during treatment to the extent appropriate and applicable.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVIDENCE-BASED FAMILY-FOCUSED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

(a) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities for purposes of developing, enhancing, or evaluating family-focused residential treatment programs to increase the availability of such programs that meet the requirements for promising, supported, or well-supported practices specified in section

1 471(e)(4)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
2 671(e)(4)(C)) (as added by the Family First Prevention
3 Services Act enacted under title VII of division E of Public
4 Law 115–123).

5 (b) EVALUATION REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
6 shall require any evaluation of a family-focused residential
7 treatment program by an eligible entity that uses funds
8 awarded under this section for all or part of the costs of
9 the evaluation be designed to assist in the determination
10 of whether the program may qualify as a promising, sup-
11 ported, or well-supported practice in accordance with the
12 requirements of such section 471(e)(4)(C).

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
15 retary to carry out this Act, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2019, which shall remain available through fiscal year
17 2023.

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