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To provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 Promoting Physical Ac-
5 tivity for Americans Act.

6 **SEC. 2. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR**
7 **AMERICANS.**

8 (a) REPORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
2 2020, and at least every 10 years thereafter, the
3 Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred
4 to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall publish
5 a report that provides physical activity recommenda-
6 tions for the people of the United States. Each such
7 report shall contain physical activity information and
8 recommendations for consideration and use by the
9 general public, and shall be considered, as applicable
10 and appropriate, by relevant Federal agencies in car-
11 rying out relevant Federal health programs.

12 (2) BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—The infor-
13 mation contained in each report required under
14 paragraph (1) shall be based on the most current
15 evidence-based scientific and medical knowledge at
16 the time the report is prepared, and shall include ad-
17 ditional information for population subgroups, such
18 as children or individuals with disabilities, if sci-
19 entific and medical evidence indicates that physical
20 activity recommendations vary in such a manner
21 that such stratification is warranted.

22 (3) UPDATE REPORTS.—Not later than 5 years
23 after the publication of the first report under para-
24 graph (1), and every 10 years thereafter, the Sec-
25 retary shall publish an updated report detailing evi-

1 dence-based practices and highlighting continuing
2 issues with respect to physical activity. The contents
3 of reports under this paragraph may focus on a par-
4 ticular group, subsection, or other division of the
5 general public or on a particular issue relating to
6 physical activity.

7 (b) INTERACTION WITH OTHER RECOMMENDA-
8 TIONS.—Federal agencies proposing to issue physical ac-
9 tivity recommendations that differ from the recommenda-
10 tions in the most recent report published under subsection
11 (a)(1) shall, as applicable and appropriate, take into con-
12 sideration the recommendations provided through reports
13 issued under this Act.

14 (c) EXISTING AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—This
15 section is not intended to limit the support of biomedical
16 research by any Federal agency or to limit the presen-
17 tation or communication of scientific or medical findings
18 or review of such findings by any Federal agency.

19 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
20 sion of this Act, no physical fitness standard established
21 under this Act shall be binding on any individual as a mat-
22 ter of Federal law or regulation.

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