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H. R. 3117

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish a grant program to provide grants to local agencies and clinics to improve the health of mothers and infants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2019

Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Community Access,
5 Resources, and Education for Families Act” or the
6 “CARE for Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**
2 **OUTREACH.**

3 Section 17(h) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
4 U.S.C. 1786(h)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(15) COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS
7 GRANTS.—

8 “(A) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—Not later
9 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
10 this paragraph, the Secretary shall carry out a
11 grant program to make grants to local agencies
12 and clinics to carry out activities to enhance
13 collaboration between—

14 “(i) such local agencies and clinics
15 and community health partners, including
16 other health care providers, social services
17 programs, and early childhood learning
18 and care providers, for the purposes of—

19 “(I) establishing linkages be-
20 tween such entities, such as through
21 participation in community coalitions;

22 “(II) facilitating referrals be-
23 tween such entities;

24 “(III) implementing evidence-
25 based strategies to improve the health
26 of communities, conduct outreach to

1 eligible participants, and promote
2 breastfeeding and access to healthy
3 foods; and

4 “(IV) increasing awareness
5 among such entities and program par-
6 ticipants (including potential program
7 participants) of the eligibility require-
8 ments for, and health benefits of, the
9 program; and

10 “(ii) such local agencies and clinics
11 and other health care providers, including
12 pediatricians, obstetricians-gynecologists,
13 family physicians, advance practice nurses,
14 nurse midwives, community health centers,
15 health departments, hospitals, and rural
16 health clinics, for the purposes of—

17 “(I) facilitating and improving
18 access to comprehensive prenatal,
19 postnatal, and postpartum care for
20 program participants;

21 “(II) facilitating certification of
22 eligibility of persons for participation
23 in the program and provision of pro-
24 gram benefits at the hospital bedside

1 for eligible postpartum women and in-
2 fants;

3 “(III) improving the coordina-
4 tion, quality, and cost effectiveness of
5 health care services;

6 “(IV) improving the sharing of
7 information necessary to establish nu-
8 tritional risk under subsection (b)(8);
9 and

10 “(V) ensuring consistent nutri-
11 tion education and breastfeeding mes-
12 sages are provided to program partici-
13 pants.

14 “(B) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to re-
15 ceive a grant under this paragraph, a local
16 agency or clinic shall submit an application to
17 the Secretary at such time, in such manner,
18 and containing such information as the Sec-
19 retary may require.

20 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
21 TIONS.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—From amounts
23 appropriated under subsection (g),
24 \$15,000,000 may be made available to

1 carry out this paragraph for each of fiscal
2 years 2020 through 2025.

3 “(ii) ADJUSTMENT.—The amount
4 specified in clause (i) shall be adjusted an-
5 nually for inflation by the same factor used
6 to determine the national average per par-
7 ticipant grant for nutrition services and
8 administration for the fiscal year under
9 paragraph (1)(B).

10 “(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

11 “(i) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’
12 means the special supplemental nutrition
13 program under this section.

14 “(ii) PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.—The
15 term ‘program participant’ means a partic-
16 ipant in the special supplemental nutrition
17 program under this section.”.

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