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# H. R. 6151

To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permanently extend the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FINKENAUER (for herself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Comprehensive Access  
5       to Robust Insurance Now Guaranteed for Kids Act” or  
6       “CARING for Kids Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH**  
2 **INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(a)(28) of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(a)(28)) is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 “(28) for fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent  
7 year, such sums as are necessary to fund allotments  
8 to States under subsections (c) and (m).”.

9 (b) ALLOTMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(m) of the So-  
11 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(m)) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking “,,  
14 2023, and 2027” and inserting “and 2023”;

15 (B) in paragraph (7)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
17 “and ending with fiscal year 2027,”; and

18 (ii) in the flush left matter at the end,  
19 by striking “or fiscal year 2026” and in-  
20 serting “fiscal year 2026, or a subsequent  
21 even-numbered fiscal year”;

22 (C) in paragraph (9)—

23 (i) by striking “(10), or (11)” and in-  
24 serting “or (10)”;

25 (ii) by striking “2023, or 2027,” and  
26 inserting “or 2023”;

1 (D) by striking paragraph (11).

2 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
3 50101(b)(2) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018  
4 (Public Law 115–123) is repealed.

5 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT EXTENSIONS OF OTHER PROGRAMS**  
6 **AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

7 (a) PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEASURES PROGRAM.—  
8 Section 1139A(i)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1320b–9a(i)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking at the end  
11 “and”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period  
13 at the end and insert a semicolon; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
15 paragraphs:

16 “(E) for fiscal year 2028, \$15,000,000 for  
17 the purpose of carrying out this section (other  
18 than subsections (e), (f), and (g)); and

19 “(F) for a subsequent fiscal year, the  
20 amount appropriated under this paragraph for  
21 the previous fiscal year, increased by the per-  
22 centage increase in the consumer price index for  
23 all urban consumers (all items; United States  
24 city average) over such previous fiscal year, for

1 the purpose of carrying out this section (other  
2 than subsections (e), (f), and (g)).”.

3 (b) EXPRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY OPTION.—Section  
4 1902(e)(13) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1396a(e)(13)) is amended by striking subparagraph (I).

6 (c) ASSURANCE OF AFFORDABILITY STANDARD FOR  
7 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2105(d)(3) of the  
9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(d)(3)) is  
10 amended—

11 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
12 “THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (A), in the matter  
14 preceding clause (i)—

15 (i) by striking “During the period  
16 that begins on the date of enactment of  
17 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
18 Act and ends on September 30, 2027” and  
19 inserting “Beginning on the date of the en-  
20 actment of the Patient Protection and Af-  
21 fordable Care Act”;

22 (ii) by striking “During the period  
23 that begins on October 1, 2019, and ends  
24 on September 30, 2027” and inserting  
25 “Beginning on October 1, 2019”; and

1 (iii) by striking “The preceding sen-  
 2 tences shall not be construed as preventing  
 3 a State during any such periods from” and  
 4 inserting “The preceding sentences shall  
 5 not be construed as preventing a State  
 6 from”.

7 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
 8 1902(gg)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 9 1396a(gg)(2)) is amended—

10 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
 11 “THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027”; and

12 (B) by striking “through September 30”  
 13 and all that follows through “ends on Sep-  
 14 tember 30, 2027” and inserting “(but begin-  
 15 ning on October 1, 2019,”.

16 (d) QUALIFYING STATES OPTION.—Section  
 17 2105(g)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 18 1397ee(g)(4)) is amended—

19 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “FOR  
 20 FISCAL YEARS 2009 THROUGH 2027” and inserting  
 21 “AFTER FISCAL YEAR 2008”; and

22 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “for any  
 23 of fiscal years 2009 through 2027” and inserting  
 24 “for any fiscal year after fiscal year 2008”.

1 (e) OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT PROGRAM.—Sec-  
2 tion 2113 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397mm)  
3 is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “during  
6 the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2027”  
7 and inserting “, beginning with fiscal year  
8 2009,”;

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by striking “10 percent of such  
11 amounts” and inserting “10 percent of  
12 such amounts for the period or the fiscal  
13 year for which such amounts are appro-  
14 priated”; and

15 (ii) by striking “during such period”  
16 and inserting “, during such period or such  
17 fiscal year,”; and

18 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “For the  
19 period of fiscal years 2024 through 2027, an  
20 amount equal to 10 percent of such amounts”  
21 and inserting “Beginning with fiscal year 2024,  
22 an amount equal to 10 percent of such amounts  
23 for the period or the fiscal year for which such  
24 amounts are appropriated”; and

25 (2) in subsection (g)—

1 (A) by striking “2017,,” and inserting  
 2 “2017,”;

3 (B) by striking “and \$48,000,000” and in-  
 4 serting “\$48,000,000”; and

5 (C) by inserting after “through 2027” the  
 6 following: “, \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2028,  
 7 and, for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2028,  
 8 the amount appropriated under this subsection  
 9 for the previous fiscal year, increased by the  
 10 percentage increase in the consumer price index  
 11 for all urban consumers (all items; United  
 12 States city average) over such previous fiscal  
 13 year”.

14 (f) CHILD ENROLLMENT CONTINGENCY FUND.—  
 15 Section 2104(n) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 16 1397dd(n)) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—

19 (i) by striking “and 2024 through  
 20 2026” and inserting “beginning with fiscal  
 21 year 2024”; and

22 (ii) by striking “2023, and 2027” and  
 23 inserting “, and 2023”; and

24 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) by striking “2024 through 2026”  
2 and inserting “beginning with fiscal year  
3 2024”; and

4 (ii) by striking “2023, and 2027” and  
5 inserting “, and 2023”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

7 (A) by striking “fiscal years 2024 through  
8 2026” and inserting “beginning with fiscal year  
9 2024”; and

10 (B) by striking “2023, or 2027” and in-  
11 serting “, or 2023”.

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