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# S. 4612

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Strengthening Collec-  
5 tive Resources for Encouraging Education Needed for  
6 Type 1 Diabetes Act of 2026” or the “SCREEN for Type  
7 1 Diabetes Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. TYPE 1 DIABETES SCREENING PUBLIC AWARENESS**  
2 **CAMPAIGN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317H of the Public  
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–9) is amended by  
5 striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

6 “(c) TYPE 1 DIABETES PUBLIC AWARENESS CAM-  
7 PAIGN.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
9 through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
10 Control and Prevention, shall carry out an evidence-  
11 based national campaign to increase awareness and  
12 knowledge of health care providers and the public  
13 with respect to type 1 diabetes detection, screening,  
14 and management.

15 “(2) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—In carrying out  
16 the national campaign under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
17 retary shall maintain a publicly accessible supply of  
18 written materials that provide information to the  
19 public relating to early detection and symptoms of  
20 type 1 diabetes, type 1 diabetes screening, and medi-  
21 cally appropriate resources for type 1 diabetes, in-  
22 cluding information relating to—

23 “(A) early symptoms and warning signs of  
24 type 1 diabetes;

25 “(B) the availability of screening for type  
26 1 diabetes;

1           “(C) the benefits of getting screened for  
2 type 1 diabetes;

3           “(D) training and education regarding  
4 medically appropriate resources for those newly  
5 diagnosed; and

6           “(E) such other information as the Sec-  
7 retary determines appropriate.

8           “(3) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the  
10 national campaign under paragraph (1), the  
11 Secretary shall develop and issue public service  
12 announcements to provide education to the pub-  
13 lic on early detection and symptoms of type 1  
14 diabetes and the importance of screening for  
15 type 1 diabetes.

16           “(B) MEDIA.—The Secretary shall issue  
17 public service announcements under subpara-  
18 graph (A) through—

19           “(i) media, including social media, tel-  
20 evision, radio, print, the internet, and  
21 other media;

22           “(ii) in-person or virtual public com-  
23 munications; and

24           “(iii) recognized trusted figures.

1           “(4) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the na-  
2           tional campaign under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
3           shall consult with the National Academy of Medi-  
4           cine, health care provider associations, community  
5           health worker associations, nonprofit organizations,  
6           including nonprofit organizations that represent  
7           communities most impacted by type 1 diabetes,  
8           State, local, and Tribal public health departments,  
9           elementary and secondary school organizations, in-  
10          cluding student and parent organizations, and insti-  
11          tutions of higher education, to solicit advice on evi-  
12          dence-based information for policy development and  
13          program development, implementation, and evalua-  
14          tion.

15           “(5) REQUIREMENTS.—

16           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The national cam-  
17          paign under paragraph (1) shall—

18                   “(i) include the use of evidence-based  
19                   information, provided through media and  
20                   public engagement;

21                   “(ii) include the development of cul-  
22                   turally and linguistically competent re-  
23                   sources that shall be tailored to—

24                           “(I) communities with the largest  
25                           significant increases in the incidence

1 of type 1 diabetes over the imme-  
2 diately preceding 5-year period; and

3 “(II) such other communities as  
4 the Secretary determines appropriate;

5 “(iii) include the dissemination of type  
6 1 diabetes detection, screening, and man-  
7 agement information and communication  
8 resources, including the information speci-  
9 fied in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of  
10 paragraph (2), to—

11 “(I) health care providers and  
12 health care facilities, including pri-  
13 mary care providers, community  
14 health centers, and pediatric health  
15 care providers and facilities;

16 “(II) State, local, and Tribal  
17 public health departments;

18 “(III) elementary and secondary  
19 schools; and

20 “(IV) institutions of higher edu-  
21 cation;

22 “(iv) be complementary to, and co-  
23 ordinated with, any other Federal efforts  
24 with respect to type 1 diabetes awareness  
25 and management; and

1           “(v) include message testing to iden-  
2           tify culturally and linguistically competent  
3           and effective messages.

4           “(B) GRANTS TO CARRY OUT CAMPAIGN.—  
5           The Secretary shall carry out the national cam-  
6           paign under paragraph (1) through grants to,  
7           or cooperative agreements with, 1 or more pri-  
8           vate, nonprofit entities with a history of devel-  
9           oping and implementing similar campaigns.

10           “(C) GRANTS TO INCREASE SCREENING.—  
11           In carrying out the national campaign under  
12           paragraph (1), the Secretary shall award grants  
13           to, or enter into cooperative agreements with,  
14           State, local, and Tribal public health depart-  
15           ments—

16           “(i) to engage with communities de-  
17           scribed in subclauses (I) and (II) of sub-  
18           paragraph (A)(ii), local educational agen-  
19           cies, health care providers, community or-  
20           ganizations, or other groups the Secretary  
21           determines are appropriate to develop and  
22           deliver effective strategies to increase type  
23           1 diabetes screening; and

24           “(ii) to disseminate culturally and lin-  
25           guistically competent resources on where

1           an individual can access type 1 diabetes  
2           screenings locally.

3           “(6) OPTIONS FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFOR-  
4           MATION.—The national campaign under paragraph  
5           (1) may—

6           “(A) include the use of—

7           “(i) media, including social media, tel-  
8           evision, radio, print, the internet, and  
9           other media;

10          “(ii) in-person or virtual public com-  
11          munications; and

12          “(iii) recognized trusted figures; and

13          “(B) be targeted to the general public and  
14          communities described in subclauses (I) and  
15          (II) of paragraph (5)(A)(ii).

16          “(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

17          “(A) the terms ‘elementary school’ and  
18          ‘secondary school’ have the meanings given  
19          such terms in section 8101 of the Elementary  
20          and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

21          “(B) the term ‘evidence-based’ means  
22          based on the best available evidence in scientific  
23          literature; and

1           “(C) the term ‘institution of higher edu-  
2           cation’ has the meaning given such term in sec-  
3           tion 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

4           “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
5           There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
6           this subsection for each of fiscal years 2027 through  
7           2031, \$5,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
8           pended.”.

9           (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
10          after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
11          Health and Human Services shall submit to the Com-  
12          mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the  
13          Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of  
14          the House of Representatives a report—

15                 (1) that contains a qualitative assessment of  
16                 the campaign under subsection (c) of section 317H  
17                 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-  
18                 9) and the activities conducted under such cam-  
19                 paign; and

20                 (2) on, with respect to the impact on type 1 di-  
21                 abetes detection, screening, and management, the  
22                 activities conducted under such subsection (c).

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