

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality shall be responsible for oversight and evaluation of all Chronic Care Innovation Centers under this section.

(2) REPORTS.—Not less frequently than every 3 years, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality shall submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to Congress a report containing the findings of oversight and evaluations conducted under paragraph (1).

(d) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—In order to carry out this section, the Secretary may contract with existing Centers of Innovation (COINs) of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Service that meet the requirements described in subsection (c).

(e) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 7. CURRICULA REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS.

(a) DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS.—Section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) NEW CURRICULA REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall engage with the medical community and medical schools in developing curricula that meets the following requirements:

“(i) The curricula is new, forward thinking, and evidence-based.

“(ii) The curricula addresses the need for team-based care and chronic care management.

“(iii) The curricula includes palliative medicine, chronic care management, leadership and team-based skills and planning, and leveraging technology as a care tool.

“(B) RURAL AREAS.—The curricula developed under subparagraph (A) shall include appropriate focus on care practices required for rural and underserved areas.

“(C) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this subsection, for cost reporting periods beginning on or after the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Better Care, Lower Cost Act, if a hospital has not begun to implement curricula that meets the requirements described in subparagraph (A), payments otherwise made to a hospital under this subsection may be reduced by a percentage determined appropriate by the Secretary. For purposes of the preceding sentence, successful development and implementation of such curricula shall be determined by program accrediting bodies.”.

(b) INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating clause (x), as added by section 5505(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), as clause (xi) and moving such clause 6 ems to the left; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(xii) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this subparagraph, effective for discharges occurring on or after the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Better Care, Lower Cost Act, if a hospital has not begun to implement curricula that meets the requirements described in subsection (h)(9)(A), as determined in accordance with subsection (h)(9)(C), payments otherwise made to a hospital under this subparagraph may be reduced by a percentage determined appropriate by the Secretary.”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2652. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1846, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2653. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1846, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2654. Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1846, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2655. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches.

SA 2656. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2655 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 3547, supra.

SA 2657. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3547, supra.

SA 2658. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2657 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 3547, supra.

SA 2659. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2658 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2657 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 3547, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2652. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1846, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ STUDY OF VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY-BASED FLOOD INSURANCE OPTIONS.

(a) STUDY.—

(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall conduct a study to assess options, methods, and strategies for making available voluntary community-based flood insurance policies through the National Flood Insurance Program.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study conducted under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) take into consideration and analyze how voluntary community-based flood insurance policies—

(i) would affect communities having varying economic bases, geographic locations, flood hazard characteristics or classifications, and flood management approaches; and

(ii) could satisfy the applicable requirements under section 102 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4012a); and

(B) evaluate the advisability of making available voluntary community-based flood insurance policies to communities, subdivisions of communities, and areas of residual risk.

(3) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study required under paragraph (1), the Administrator may consult with the Comptroller General of the United States, as the Administrator determines is appropriate.

(b) REPORT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.—

(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on

Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report that contains the results and conclusions of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include recommendations for—

(A) the best manner to incorporate voluntary community-based flood insurance policies into the National Flood Insurance Program; and

(B) a strategy to implement voluntary community-based flood insurance policies that would encourage communities to undertake flood mitigation activities, including the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of levees, dams, or other flood control structures.

(c) REPORT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which the Administrator submits the report required under subsection (b), the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) review the report submitted by the Administrator; and

(2) submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report that contains—

(A) an analysis of the report submitted by the Administrator;

(B) any comments or recommendations of the Comptroller General relating to the report submitted by the Administrator; and

(C) any other recommendations of the Comptroller General relating to community-based flood insurance policies.

SA 2653. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1846, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ STUDY OF VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY-BASED FLOOD INSURANCE OPTIONS.

(a) STUDY.—

(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall conduct a study to assess options, methods, and strategies for making available voluntary community-based flood insurance policies through the National Flood Insurance Program.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study conducted under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) take into consideration and analyze how voluntary community-based flood insurance policies—

(i) would affect communities having varying economic bases, geographic locations, flood hazard characteristics or classifications, and flood management approaches; and

(ii) could satisfy the applicable requirements under section 102 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4012a); and

(B) evaluate the advisability of making available voluntary community-based flood insurance policies to communities, subdivisions of communities, and areas of residual risk.

(3) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study required under paragraph (1), the Administrator may consult with the Comptroller General of the United States, as the Administrator determines is appropriate.

(b) REPORT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.—

(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban

Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report that contains the results and conclusions of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include recommendations for—

(A) the best manner to incorporate voluntary community-based flood insurance policies into the National Flood Insurance Program; and

(B) a strategy to implement voluntary community-based flood insurance policies that would encourage communities to undertake flood mitigation activities, including the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of levees, dams, or other flood control structures.

(C) **REPORT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**—Not later than 6 months after the date on which the Administrator submits the report required under subsection (b), the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) review the report submitted by the Administrator; and

(2) submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report that contains—

(A) an analysis of the report submitted by the Administrator;

(B) any comments or recommendations of the Comptroller General relating to the report submitted by the Administrator; and

(C) any other recommendations of the Comptroller General relating to community-based flood insurance policies.

SA 2654. Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1846, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AUTHORITY OF STATES TO REGULATE PRIVATE FLOOD INSURANCE.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4012a(b)(7)) is amended to read as follows:

“(7) **PRIVATE FLOOD INSURANCE DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term ‘private flood insurance’ means an insurance policy that—

“(A) provides flood insurance coverage; and

“(B) is issued by an insurance company that is licensed, admitted, or otherwise approved to engage in the business of insurance in the State or jurisdiction in which the insured building is located, by the insurance regulator of that State or jurisdiction.”.

SA 2655. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 1 day after enactment.

SA 2656. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2655 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “1 day” and insert “2 days”.

SA 2657. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 3 days after enactment.

SA 2658. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2657 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “3 days” and insert “4 days”.

SA 2659. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2658 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2657 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “4 days” and insert “5 days”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The committee will hold a hearing entitled “The Future of Unmanned Aviation in the U.S. Economy: Safety and Privacy Considerations.”

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2 p.m., to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Implications of the Crisis in Ukraine.”

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, to conduct a hearing entitled “Aging in Comfort: Assessing the Special Needs of America’s Holocaust Survivors.” The committee will meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2:15 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 2 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Regulating Financial Holding Companies and Physical Commodities.”

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1931

Mr. REID. I have been told there is a bill at the desk due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1931) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading in order to place the bill on the Calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, but then object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 3547, which is the vehicle for the omnibus appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, a few minutes ago I filed cloture on the House