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H. R. 5984

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for expanding, modernizing, or streamlining emergency room operations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2023

Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. ESPAILLAT) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Streamline Emergency
5 Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY ROOM OPERATIONS.**

2 (a) AWARDS.—The Secretary of Health and Human
3 Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”),
4 acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources
5 and Services Administration, shall carry out a program
6 of awarding grants to eligible entities for expanding, mod-
7 ernizing, or streamlining emergency room operations.

8 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—In this section, the term
9 “eligible entity” means a health care provider that—

10 (1) is a nonprofit organization; and

11 (2) at the time of applying for a grant under
12 this section, is already operating an emergency
13 room.

14 (c) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant under sub-
15 section (a) shall not exceed \$500,000.

16 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant received under this
17 section may be used for any of the following:

18 (1) The hiring of individuals to work in the
19 emergency room.

20 (2) The purchase of equipment to optimize and
21 modernize emergency room capacity.

22 (3) Triage and other training to increase the
23 capacity of existing personnel to assist in the emer-
24 gency room.

25 (e) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the third fis-
26 cal year beginning after the date of enactment of this Act,

1 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy
2 and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
3 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
4 the Senate a report on the effectiveness and impacts of
5 the grant program under this section.

6 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
7 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
8 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

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