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118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7189

[Report No. 118-517]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a national congenital heart disease research, surveillance, and awareness program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. CÁRDENAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

MAY 22, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 1, 2024]

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 “Congenital Heart Fu-*
5 *tures Reauthorization Act of 2024”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL CONGENITAL**
7 **HEART DISEASE RESEARCH, SURVEILLANCE,**
8 **AND AWARENESS PROGRAM.**

9 *Section 399V–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42*
10 *U.S.C. 280g–13) is amended—*

11 *(1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as*
12 *subsections (g) and (h), respectively;*

13 *(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:*
14 “**(f) REPORT AND STRATEGY.—**

15 *“(1) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the*
16 *date of enactment of the Congenital Heart Futures*
17 *Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Secretary shall issue*
18 *a report to the Committee on Energy and Commerce*
19 *of the House of Representatives and the Committee on*
20 *Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate*
21 *including the following:*

22 *“(A) A description of past and present ac-*
23 *tivities of the Department of Health and Human*
24 *Services to increase awareness and knowledge of*
25 *the public with respect to congenital heart dis-*

1 *ease, including efforts to address the lifelong*
2 *needs of congenital heart disease patients.*

3 “*(B) An assessment of past and present ac-*
4 *tivities of the Department of Health and Human*
5 *Services to increase education and training of*
6 *health care providers with respect to congenital*
7 *heart disease, including efforts to address the*
8 *lifelong needs of congenital heart disease pa-*
9 *tients.*

10 “*(C) A description of the current workforce*
11 *capacity in the United States of health care pro-*
12 *viders who treat adult patients living with con-*
13 *genital heart disease.*

14 “(2) *STRATEGY.—*

15 “(A) *DEVELOPMENT; SUBMISSION TO CON-*
16 *GRESS.—Not later than 1 year after submitting*
17 *the report required by paragraph (1), the Sec-*
18 *retary shall develop and submit to Congress a*
19 *strategy for improving efforts to increase aware-*
20 *ness and knowledge of the public and education*
21 *and training of health care providers with re-*
22 *spect to congenital heart disease. Such strategy*
23 *shall include findings and recommendations to—*

24 “(i) *address any public awareness and*
25 *research gaps and opportunities related to*

1 *the lifelong needs of congenital heart disease*
2 *patients, including long-term health out-*
3 *comes, quality of life, mental health, and*
4 *health care utilization;*

5 “*(ii) address any shortages in the cur-*
6 *rent workforce of health care providers who*
7 *treat adult patients living with congenital*
8 *heart disease, which may include strategies*
9 *to enhance fellowship training programs or*
10 *other continuing education programs; and*

11 “*(iii) foster collaboration and dissemi-*
12 *nation of information across Federal agen-*
13 *cies, health care providers, researchers, and*
14 *patient organizations.*

15 “(B) CONSULTATION.—*In developing the*
16 *strategy under subparagraph (A), the Secretary*
17 *shall, as appropriate, consult with qualified*
18 *stakeholder groups, including patient organiza-*
19 *tions, health care professionals, research entities,*
20 *health insurance providers, accrediting organiza-*
21 *tions, and relevant Federal agencies, including*
22 *the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,*
23 *the National Institutes of Health, and the Health*
24 *Resources and Services Administration.”; and*

1 (3) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
2 striking “2020 through 2024” and inserting “2025
3 through 2029”.

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