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H. R. 7820

To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a public health education, awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to abortion and related health services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2024

Ms. CROCKETT (for herself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Abortion Care Aware-
5 ness Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**
2 **ON ACCESS TO ABORTION AND RELATED**
3 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 399V–8. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS CAM-**
8 **PAIGN ON ACCESS TO ABORTION AND RE-**
9 **LATED HEALTH SERVICES.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
11 coordinated, focused, national public health education,
12 awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to
13 abortion and related health services.

14 “(b) CAMPAIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The campaign
15 under subsection (a) shall—

16 “(1) include education, awareness, and outreach
17 regarding—

18 “(A) where and how to access abortion, in-
19 cluding medication abortion such as
20 mifepristone and misoprostol, and related
21 health services, consistent with applicable State
22 and Federal laws, including through—

23 “(i) in-person services; and

24 “(ii) telehealth;

25 “(B) the legality of prescribing, dispensing,
26 and receiving abortion, medication abortion

1 such as mifepristone and misoprostol, and re-
2 lated health services, consistent with applicable
3 State and Federal laws;

4 “(C) medically accurate information about
5 medication abortion, such as mifepristone and
6 misoprostol;

7 “(D) the rights of patients to legally travel
8 across State lines to obtain abortion and related
9 health services;

10 “(E) how to differentiate facilities com-
11 monly known as anti-abortion centers or crisis
12 pregnancy centers from facilities that actually
13 provide abortion and related health services, in-
14 cluding how to identify—

15 “(i) misleading claims by such centers
16 about reproductive health care; and

17 “(ii) inaccurate, misleading, or stig-
18 matizing information disseminated by such
19 centers about abortion and contraception;
20 and

21 “(F) how to identify misinformation re-
22 garding abortion and related health services, in-
23 cluding medication abortion, intended to deceive
24 or discourage individuals from accessing such
25 services; and

1 “(2) be designed to ensure cultural competency,
2 efficacy, and accessibility for and within underserved
3 communities, including—

4 “(A) communities of color;

5 “(B) immigrants;

6 “(C) people with disabilities;

7 “(D) people with limited English pro-
8 ficiency;

9 “(E) people with low incomes;

10 “(F) young people;

11 “(G) LGBTQI+ people; and

12 “(H) people living in rural or other medi-
13 cally underserved areas.

14 “(c) CAMPAIGN LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out the
15 campaign under subsection (a), the Secretary shall not—

16 “(1) promote misinformation regarding the
17 safety of abortion and related health services, includ-
18 ing medication abortion;

19 “(2) promote misinformation regarding ‘abor-
20 tion reversal’;

21 “(3) promote abstinence-only-until-marriage
22 programs, also referred to as sexual risk avoidance
23 education programs, or other programs that are not
24 comprehensive or medically accurate; or

1 “(4) collect, retain, use, or disclose personal in-
2 formation about visitors to any website, app, or
3 other educational or campaign resource.

4 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the campaign
5 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

6 “(1) licensed health care professionals who are
7 experts in—

8 “(A) sexual and reproductive health; and

9 “(B) abortion and related health services,
10 including medication abortion;

11 “(2) nonprofit organizations whose missions are
12 focused on expanding reproductive rights, reproduc-
13 tive health, and reproductive justice, including funds
14 to access abortion;

15 “(3) State and local public health departments;
16 and

17 “(4) nonprofit institutions of higher edu-
18 cation.”.

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