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To amend the Public Health Service Act to continue the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Presidential Advisory
5 Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Act”
6 or the “PACCARB Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. COMBATING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE.**

8 Section 319E of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 247d–5) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and ac-
3 tivities” after “Federal programs”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) by striking “public health constitu-
6 encies, manufacturers, veterinary and med-
7 ical professional societies and others” and
8 inserting “the Advisory Council described
9 in subsection (b) and relevant public and
10 private entities”; and

11 (ii) by inserting “, pursuant to para-
12 graph (4),” after “comprehensive plan”;

13 (C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
14 follow:

15 “(3) AGENDA.—The task force described in
16 paragraph (1) shall consider factors the Secretary
17 considers appropriate, including factors to—

18 “(A) slow the emergence of resistant bac-
19 teria and prevent the spread of resistant infec-
20 tions;

21 “(B) strengthen activities to combat resist-
22 ance through the detection of zoonotic diseases;

23 “(C) advance development and use of rapid
24 and innovative capabilities, including diagnostic

1 tests, for identification and characterization of
2 resistant bacteria;

3 “(D) accelerate basic and applied research
4 and development for new antibiotics,
5 antifungals, and other related therapeutics and
6 vaccines; and

7 “(E) support international collaboration
8 and capacities for antimicrobial-resistance pre-
9 vention, detection, and control.”;

10 (D) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
11 paragraph (5);

12 (E) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
13 following:

14 “(4) ACTION PLAN.—Not later than October 1,
15 2025, and every 5 years thereafter, the task force
16 described in paragraph (1) shall develop and submit
17 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
18 Pensions and the Committee on Appropriations of
19 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Com-
20 merce and the Committee on Appropriations of the
21 House of Representatives a plan regarding Federal
22 programs and activities to combat antimicrobial re-
23 sistance, including measurable outcomes, as appro-
24 priate, informed by the agenda described in para-
25 graph (3) and input provided by the Advisory Coun-

1 cil described in subsection (b) and other relevant
2 stakeholders provided pursuant to paragraph (2).”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (o)
4 as subsections (c) through (p), respectively;

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(b) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may con-
9 tinue the Presidential Advisory Council on Com-
10 bating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, referred to in
11 this subsection as the ‘Advisory Council’.

12 “(2) DUTIES.—The Advisory Council shall ad-
13 vise and provide information and recommendations
14 to the Secretary, acting through the Task Force es-
15 tablished under subsection (a), regarding Federal
16 programs and activities intended to reduce or com-
17 bat antimicrobial-resistant bacteria or fungi that
18 may present a public health threat and improve ca-
19 pabilities to prevent, diagnose, mitigate, or treat
20 such resistance. Such advice, information, and rec-
21 ommendations may be related to improving Federal
22 efforts related to factors described in subsection
23 (a)(3) and other topics related to antimicrobial re-
24 sistance, as appropriate.

25 “(3) MEETINGS AND COORDINATION.—

1 “(A) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council
2 shall meet not less than biannually and, to the
3 extent practicable, in coordination with meet-
4 ings of the task force established under sub-
5 section (a).

6 “(B) COORDINATION.—The Advisory
7 Council shall, to the greatest extent practicable,
8 coordinate activities carried out by the Council
9 with the task force established under subsection
10 (a).

11 “(4) FACA.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United
12 States Code, shall apply to the activities and duties
13 of the Advisory Council.”; and

14 (4) in subsection (n), as so redesignated, by
15 striking “(f) through (j)” and inserting “(g) through
16 (k)”.

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