

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 265

To reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) 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 “Supporting and Im-
5 proving Rural EMS Needs Reauthorization Act” or the
6 “SIREN Reauthorization Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRAINING**
8 **AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

9 Section 330J of the Public Health Service Act (42
10 U.S.C. 254c–15) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “the Adminis-
2 trator of the Health Resources and Services Admin-
3 istration (referred to in this section as the ‘Sec-
4 retary’)” and inserting “the Assistant Secretary for
5 Mental Health and Substance Use,”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;
9 and” and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(E) ensure emergency medical services
13 personnel are trained on mental health and sub-
14 stance use disorders and care for individuals
15 with such disorders in emergency situations;
16 and”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;
19 or” and inserting a semicolon;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
21 the period and inserting “; or”; and

22 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(D) acquire overdose reversal drugs and
25 devices.”;

1 (3) by striking subsection (f);

2 (4) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
3 section (f); and

4 (5) in subsection (f)(1), as so redesignated, by
5 striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024
6 through 2028”.

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