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# S. 2710

To improve treatment and early interventions for pregnant and postpartum women and infants affected by substance use disorder.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## A BILL

To improve treatment and early interventions for pregnant and postpartum women and infants affected by substance use disorder.

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 “Protecting Moms and  
5 Infants Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING TREATMENT FOR PREGNANT AND**  
7 **POSTPARTUM WOMEN.**

8 (a) REPORT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
3 Health and Human Services (referred to in this sub-  
4 section as the “Secretary”) shall submit to the ap-  
5 propriate committees of Congress and make avail-  
6 able to the public on the internet website of the De-  
7 partment of Health and Human Services a report  
8 regarding the implementation of the recommenda-  
9 tions in the strategy relating to prenatal opioid use,  
10 including neonatal abstinence syndrome, developed  
11 pursuant to section 2 of the Protecting Our Infants  
12 Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–91). Such report shall  
13 include—

14           (A) an update on the implementation of  
15 the recommendations in the strategy, including  
16 information regarding the agencies involved in  
17 the implementation; and

18           (B) information on additional funding or  
19 authority the Secretary requires, if any, to im-  
20 plement the strategy, which may include au-  
21 thorities needed to coordinate implementation  
22 of such strategy across the Department of  
23 Health and Human Services.

24           (2) PERIODIC UPDATES.—The Secretary shall  
25 periodically update the report under paragraph (1).

1 (b) RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR  
2 PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN.—Section 508(s)  
3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–1(s))  
4 is amended by striking “\$16,900,000 for each of fiscal  
5 years 2017 through 2021” and inserting “\$29,931,000 for  
6 each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023”.

7 **SEC. 3. EARLY INTERVENTIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN**  
8 **AND INFANTS.**

9 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS BY  
10 CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION.—Section  
11 515(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
12 290bb–21(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (13), by striking “and” at the  
14 end;

15 (2) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at  
16 the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(15) in cooperation with relevant stakeholders  
19 and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control  
20 and Prevention, develop educational materials for  
21 clinicians to use with pregnant women for shared de-  
22 cisionmaking regarding pain management during  
23 pregnancy.”.

24 (b) GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY CEN-  
25 TER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.—Section

1 507(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
2 290bb(b)) is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (13), by striking “and” at the  
4 end;

5 (2) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at  
6 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(15) in cooperation with the Secretary, imple-  
9 ment and disseminate, as appropriate, the rec-  
10 ommendations in the report entitled ‘Protecting Our  
11 Infants Act: Final Strategy’ issued by the Depart-  
12 ment of Health and Human Services in 2017; and”.

13 (c) SUPPORT OF PARTNERSHIPS BY CENTER FOR  
14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.—Section 507(b) of the  
15 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb(b)), as  
16 amended by subsection (b), is further amended by adding  
17 at the end the following:

18 “(16) in cooperation with relevant stakeholders,  
19 support public-private partnerships to assist with  
20 education about, and support with respect to, sub-  
21 stance use disorder for pregnant women and health  
22 care providers who treat pregnant women and ba-  
23 bies.”.

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