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S. 4313

To establish a grant program for purposes of providing training to physicians on the health effects of exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2020

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. ROUNDS) 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 “Physician Education
5 on PFAS Health Impacts Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRAINING OF PHYSICIANS**
2 **ON PFAS.**

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

6 **“SEC. 399V-7. GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRAINING OF PHYSI-**
7 **CIANS ON PFAS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
9 grants to eligible entities for the purpose of developing
10 courses for physicians or other medical practitioners to in-
11 form such physicians and medical practitioners about the
12 impact of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance ex-
13 posure on health outcomes and best practices for patients
14 who have been exposed to such substances.

15 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
16 a grant under this section, and entity shall—

17 “(1) be—

18 “(A) a national or State medical organiza-
19 tion or other organization that provides edu-
20 cational courses to health care providers; or

21 “(B) an institution of medical research or
22 a clinical researcher at such an institution of
23 medical research;

24 “(2) have expertise in clinical conditions or dis-
25 eases that are related or exacerbated by
26 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance expo-

1 sure, experience in environmental health, and other
2 expertise and experience as the Secretary determines
3 appropriate;

4 “(3) commit to gathering input from patients
5 and clinicians when developing the training courses,
6 as the Secretary determines appropriate; and

7 “(4) submit an application to the Secretary at
8 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
9 formation as the Secretary may require.

10 “(c) REPORTING.—

11 “(1) GRANTEE REPORTING TO THE SEC-
12 RETARY.—Each recipient of a grant under this sec-
13 tion shall annually report to the Secretary, in a form
14 and manner determined by the Secretary, on train-
15 ing materials developed through use of funds award-
16 ed under the grant. Each such report shall include
17 any findings or recommendations that the grantees
18 have determined should be included in physician or
19 medical practitioner training.

20 “(2) HHS DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—
21 Each year, not later than 90 days after receiving the
22 reports from grant recipients under paragraph (1),
23 the Secretary shall disseminate to the public a sum-
24 mary of findings and recommendations that are in-

1 cluded in the material provided under such para-
2 graph (1).

3 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘PFAS’
4 means a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance with
5 at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

6 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
7 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
8 priated \$500,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021
9 through 2025, to remain available until expended.”.

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