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S. 4831

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2024

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

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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 “Families Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 373 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
4 U.S.C. 3030s-1) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting “peer sup-
6 ports,” after “individual counseling,”;

7 (2) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
9 “Priority” and inserting “Priority; Consider-
10 ation”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) CONSIDERATION.—In providing services
13 under this part, the State shall consider the cir-
14 cumstances and unique needs of different types of
15 caregivers, including the needs of children and their
16 older relative caregivers whose families have been af-
17 fected by substance use disorder, including opioid
18 use disorder.”; and

19 (3) in subsection (e)—

20 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
21 by striking “Not later than” and all that fol-
22 lows through “the Assistant Secretary shall”
23 and inserting “The Assistant Secretary shall,
24 on a regular basis”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “make
2 available” and inserting “prepare, publish, and
3 disseminate”.

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