

***In the Senate of the United States,***

*October 11, 2018.*

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2422) entitled “An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking down barriers to care, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENT:**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the Action for Dental Health*

3 *Act of 2018.*

4 ***SEC. 2. ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION.***

5 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 399LL of the Public Health*

6 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280k) is amended—*

7 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

1           (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
2           “OF ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGN”  
3           after “ESTABLISHMENT”; and

4           (B) by striking “focused on oral healthcare  
5           prevention and education” and inserting “fo-  
6           cused on oral health education”;

7           (2) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding  
8           paragraph (1), by striking “campaign” and inserting  
9           “campaign under subsection (a)”; and

10          (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
11          following:

12          “(c) ACTION FOR DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.—

13                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
14                 tion with the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-  
15                 trol and Prevention and the Administrator of the  
16                 Health Resources and Services Administration, may  
17                 award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to  
18                 eligible entities to collaborate with State or local pub-  
19                 lic health officials, tribal health officials, oral health  
20                 professional organizations, and others, as appro-  
21                 priate, to develop and implement initiatives to im-  
22                 prove oral health, including activities to prevent den-  
23                 tal disease and reduce barriers to the provision of  
24                 dental services, including—

1           “(A) through community-wide dental dis-  
2           ease prevention programs; and

3           “(B) by increasing public awareness and  
4           education related to oral health and dental dis-  
5           ease prevention.

6           “(2) *ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.*—To be eligible to re-  
7           ceive a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement  
8           under this subsection, an entity shall be—

9           “(A) a dental association;

10          “(B) a State or tribal health department or  
11          State or tribal oral health program;

12          “(C) an accredited dental education, dental  
13          hygiene, or postdoctoral dental education pro-  
14          gram; or

15          “(D) a non-profit community-based organi-  
16          zation that partners with public and private  
17          non-profit entities, such as an academic institu-  
18          tion, to facilitate the provision of dental services  
19          to underserved populations.”;

20          (b) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.*—Section 399LL–1(d) of  
21          the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280k–1(d)) is  
22          amended—

23                 (1) by striking “shall” and inserting “shall, as  
24                 practicable and appropriate,” before “utilize”; and

1           (2) *by striking “public education campaign”*  
2           *and inserting “oral health education campaign and*  
3           *action for dental health program”.*

4           (c) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years*  
5           *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
6           *Health and Human Services shall submit to the Committee*  
7           *on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate*  
8           *and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House*  
9           *of Representatives, a report on the outcomes and effective-*  
10           *ness of programs and activities conducted under sections*  
11           *399LL and 399LL–1 of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
12           *U.S.C. 280k and 280k–1).*

13   **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS.**

14           *Section 340G of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
15           *U.S.C. 256g) is amended—*

16           (1) *in subsection (b)(5)—*

17                   (A) *in subparagraph (B), by striking “and”*  
18                   *at the end; and*

19                   (B) *by adding at the end the following:*

20                           “(D) *the establishment or development of*  
21                           *models for the provision of dental services to*  
22                           *children and adults, such as dental homes, in-*  
23                           *cluding for the elderly, blind, individuals with*  
24                           *disabilities, and individuals living in long-term*  
25                           *care facilities; and*

1           “(E) the establishment of initiatives to re-  
2           duce the use of emergency departments by indi-  
3           viduals who seek dental services more appro-  
4           priately delivered in a dental primary care set-  
5           ting;” and

6           (2) in subsection (f), by striking “\$25,000,000  
7           for the 5-fiscal year period beginning with fiscal year  
8           2008” and inserting “\$13,903,000 for each of fiscal  
9           years 2019 through 2023”.

Attest:

Secretary.

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

**H.R. 2422**

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**AMENDMENT**