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[Report No. 117-]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public awareness campaign with respect to human papillomavirus, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2021

Ms. CASTOR of Florida (for herself and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AUGUST --, 2021

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 3, 2021]

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public awareness campaign with respect to human papillomavirus, and for other purposes.

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 “Promoting Resources*
5 *to Expand Vaccination, Education, and New Treatments*
6 *for HPV Cancers Act of 2021” or the “PREVENT HPV*
7 *Cancers Act of 2021”.*

8 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING HPV AND HPV-ASSOCIATED CANCERS;**
9 **REAUTHORIZING JOHANNA’S LAW.**

10 *Section 317P of the Public Health Service Act (42*
11 *U.S.C. 247b–17) is amended—*

12 *(1) in subsection (c)(1)—*

13 *(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “cer-*
14 *vical”;*

15 *(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”*
16 *at the end;*

17 *(C) in subparagraph (D) by striking*
18 *“other” and all that follows through “cancer.”*
19 *and inserting “recommended diagnostics for*
20 *early intervention for, and prevention of, HPV-*
21 *associated cancers; and”;* and

22 *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

23 *“(E) the importance of recommended vac-*
24 *cines for prevention of HPV and HPV-associated*
25 *cancers, including for males;”;* and

1 (2) *by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-*
2 *lows:*

3 “(d) *JOHANNA’S LAW.—*

4 “*(1) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—*

5 “*(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall*
6 *carry out a national campaign to increase the*
7 *awareness and knowledge of health care pro-*
8 *viders and individuals with respect to*
9 *gynecologic cancers, HPV, and HPV-associated*
10 *cancers, and the importance of HPV vaccines in*
11 *preventing HPV and HPV-associated cancers.*

12 “*(B) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—Activities*
13 *under the national campaign under subpara-*
14 *graph (A) shall include—*

15 “*(i) maintaining a supply of written*
16 *materials that provide information to the*
17 *public on gynecologic cancers, HPV, and*
18 *HPV-associated cancers; and*

19 “*(ii) distributing the materials to*
20 *members of the public upon request.*

21 “*(C) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—*
22 *Activities under the national campaign under*
23 *subparagraph (A) shall, in accordance with ap-*
24 *plicable law and regulations, include publishing*
25 *materials in digital or print form, public en-*

1 *gagement, and developing and placing public*
2 *service announcements intended to encourage in-*
3 *dividuals to discuss with their physicians—*

4 *“(i) their risk of gynecologic cancers*
5 *and HPV-associated cancers; and*

6 *“(ii) the importance of HPV vaccines*
7 *in preventing HPV and HPV-associated*
8 *cancers.*

9 *“(D) TARGETED POPULATIONS.—Activities*
10 *under the national campaign under subpara-*
11 *graph (A) shall include culturally and linguis-*
12 *tically competent public service announcements*
13 *and other forms of communication and public*
14 *engagement under subparagraph (C) targeted*
15 *to—*

16 *“(i) specific higher-risk populations of*
17 *individuals based on race, ethnicity, level of*
18 *acculturation, and family history, including*
19 *African-American and Ashkenazi Jewish in-*
20 *dividuals;*

21 *“(ii) communities with high rates of*
22 *unvaccinated individuals, including males;*

23 *“(iii) rural communities;*

24 *“(iv) populations affected by increas-*
25 *ing rates of oropharynx cancers;*

1 “(v) *health care providers specializing*
 2 *in assisting survivors of sexual assault; and*
 3 “(vi) *such other communities as the*
 4 *Secretary determines appropriate.*

5 “(2) *CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the na-*
 6 *tional campaign under this section, the Secretary*
 7 *shall consult with—*

8 “(A) *health care providers;*

9 “(B) *nonprofit organizations (including*
 10 *gynecologic cancer organizations and organiza-*
 11 *tions that represent communities and individ-*
 12 *uals most affected by HPV-associated cancers*
 13 *and low vaccination rates);*

14 “(C) *State and local public health depart-*
 15 *ments; and*

16 “(D) *elementary and secondary education*
 17 *organizations and institutions of higher edu-*
 18 *cation.*

19 “(3) *DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING*
 20 *OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—*

21 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—*

22 “(i) *PROGRAM.—The Secretary may*
 23 *carry out a program to award grants or*
 24 *contracts to public or nonprofit private en-*
 25 *tities for the purpose of carrying out dem-*

1 *onstration projects to test, compare, and*
2 *evaluate different evidence-based outreach*
3 *and education strategies to increase the*
4 *awareness and knowledge of women, their*
5 *families, physicians, nurses, and other key*
6 *health professionals with respect to*
7 *gynecologic cancers, including with respect*
8 *to early warning signs, risk factors, preven-*
9 *tion, screening, and treatment options.*

10 “*(ii) SCIENCE-BASED RESOURCES.—In*
11 *making awards under clause (i), the Sec-*
12 *retary shall encourage awardees to use*
13 *science-based resources such as the Inside*
14 *Knowledge About Gynecologic Cancer edu-*
15 *cation campaign of the Centers for Disease*
16 *Control and Prevention.*

17 “*(B) PREFERENCES IN AWARDING GRANTS*
18 *OR CONTRACTS.—In making awards under sub-*
19 *paragraph (A), the Secretary shall give pref-*
20 *erence to—*

21 “*(i) applicants with demonstrated ex-*
22 *pertise in gynecologic cancer education or*
23 *treatment or in working with groups of*
24 *women who are at increased risk of*
25 *gynecologic cancers; and*

1 “(ii) applicants that, in the dem-
2 onstration project funded by the grant or
3 contract, will establish linkages between
4 physicians, nurses, other key health profes-
5 sionals, health profession students, hospitals,
6 payers, and State health departments.

7 “(C) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant or
8 contract under subparagraph (A), an entity shall
9 submit an application to the Secretary in such
10 form, in such manner, and containing such
11 agreements, assurances, and information as the
12 Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out
13 this paragraph.

14 “(D) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In making
15 awards under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
16 shall—

17 “(i) make awards, as practicable, to
18 not fewer than five applicants; and

19 “(ii) ensure that information provided
20 through demonstration projects under this
21 paragraph is consistent with the best avail-
22 able medical information.

23 “(E) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
24 than 24 months after the date of the enactment
25 of the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021, and

1 *annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to*
2 *the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the*
3 *House of Representatives and the Committee on*
4 *Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the*
5 *Senate a report that—*

6 *“(i) summarizes the activities of dem-*
7 *onstration projects under subparagraph (A);*

8 *“(ii) evaluates the extent to which the*
9 *projects were effective in increasing aware-*
10 *ness and knowledge of risk factors and early*
11 *warning signs in the populations to which*
12 *the projects were directed; and*

13 *“(iii) identifies barriers to early detec-*
14 *tion and appropriate treatment of such can-*
15 *cers.*

16 *“(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For*
17 *the purpose of carrying out this subsection, there is*
18 *authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for the pe-*
19 *riod of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.*