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# H. R. 4631

To reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating  
to autism, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. DOYLE, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MARINO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GIBSON, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. TERRY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. YODER, and Mr. MATHESON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health  
Service Act relating to autism, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Autism Re-  
3 authorization Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER INITIA-  
5 TIVE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services shall designate an existing official within  
8 the Department of Health and Human Services to oversee,  
9 in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Edu-  
10 cation, national autism spectrum disorder research, serv-  
11 ices, and support activities.

12 (b) DUTIES.—The official designated under sub-  
13 section (a) shall—

14 (1) implement autism spectrum disorder activi-  
15 ties, taking into account the strategic plan developed  
16 by the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee  
17 under section 399CC(b) of the Public Health Service  
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–2(b)); and

19 (2) ensure that autism spectrum disorder activi-  
20 ties of the Department of Health and Human Serv-  
21 ices and of other Federal departments and agencies  
22 are not unnecessarily duplicative.

23 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

24 Section 399AA of the Public Health Service Act (42  
25 U.S.C. 280i) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “for chil-  
2 dren and adults” after “reporting of State epidemio-  
3 logical data”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “establish-  
5 ment of regional centers of excellence” and inserting  
6 “establishment or support of regional centers of ex-  
7 cellence”;

8 (3) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “center to  
9 be established” and inserting “center to be estab-  
10 lished or supported”; and

11 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “2014” and  
12 inserting “2019”.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTISM INTERVENTION.**

14 Section 399BB of the Public Health Service Act (42  
15 U.S.C. 280i–1) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “culturally  
17 competent” after “provide”;

18 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(ii), by inserting  
19 “(which may include respite care for caregivers of  
20 individuals with an autism spectrum disorder)” after  
21 “services and supports”;

22 (3) in subsection (e)(1)(B)(v), by inserting be-  
23 fore the semicolon the following: “, which may in-  
24 clude collaborating with research centers or networks

1 to provide training for providers of respite care (as  
2 defined in section 2901)”;

3 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “grants or  
4 contracts” and all that follows through “for indi-  
5 vidual with” and inserting “grants or contracts,  
6 which may include grants or contracts to research  
7 networks, to determine the evidence-based practices  
8 for interventions to improve the physical and behav-  
9 ioral health of individuals with”; and

10 (5) in subsection (g), by striking “2014” and  
11 inserting “2019”.

12 **SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY AUTISM COORDINATING COM-**  
13 **MITTEE.**

14 Section 399CC of the Public Health Service Act (42  
15 U.S.C. 280i-2) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by striking “and annually update”;

19 and

20 (ii) by striking “intervention” and in-  
21 sserting “interventions, including school and  
22 community-based interventions”;

23 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

1 (C) by redesignating paragraph (1) as  
2 paragraph (2), and inserting before such redesi-  
3 gnated paragraph the following:

4 “(1) monitor autism spectrum disorder re-  
5 search, services, and support activities across all  
6 Federal departments and agencies, including coordi-  
7 nation of Federal activities with respect to autism  
8 spectrum disorder;”;

9 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “rec-  
10 ommendations to the Director of NIH”;

11 (E) in paragraph (4), by inserting before  
12 the semicolon the following: “, and the process  
13 by which public feedback can be better inte-  
14 grated into such decisions”; and

15 (F) by striking paragraphs (5) and (6) and  
16 inserting the following:

17 “(5) develop a strategic plan for the conduct of,  
18 and support for, autism spectrum disorder research  
19 and services and supports for individuals with an au-  
20 tism spectrum disorder and the families of such indi-  
21 viduals, which shall include—

22 “(A) proposed budgetary requirements;  
23 and

24 “(B) recommendations to ensure that au-  
25 tism spectrum disorder research, services, and

1 support activities of the Department of Health  
2 and Human Services and of other Federal de-  
3 partments and agencies are not unnecessarily  
4 duplicative; and

5 “(6) submit to Congress and the President—

6 “(A) an annual update on the summary of  
7 advances described in paragraph (2); and

8 “(B) an annual update to the strategic  
9 plan described in paragraph (5), including any  
10 progress made in achieving the goals outlined in  
11 such strategic plan.”;

12 (2) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by striking the paragraph heading  
15 and matter preceding subparagraph (A)  
16 and inserting the following:

17 “(1) FEDERAL MEMBERSHIP.—The Committee  
18 shall be composed of the following Federal mem-  
19 bers—”;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

21 (I) by inserting “, such as the  
22 Administration for Community Living,  
23 Administration for Children and Fam-  
24 ilies, the Centers for Medicare & Med-  
25 icaid Services, the Food and Drug Ad-

- 1                   ministration, and the Health Re-  
2                   sources and Services Administration”  
3                   before the semicolon at the end; and  
4                   (II) by adding at the end “and”;  
5                   (iii) in subparagraph (D)—  
6                   (I) by inserting “and the Depart-  
7                   ment of Defense” after “Department  
8                   of Education”; and  
9                   (II) by striking at the end “;  
10                  and” and inserting a period; and  
11                  (iv) by striking subparagraph (E);  
12                  (B) in paragraph (2)—  
13                  (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
14                  ing “ADDITIONAL” and inserting “NON-  
15                  FEDERAL”;  
16                  (ii) in the matter preceding subpara-  
17                  graph (A), by striking “Not fewer than 6  
18                  members of the Committee, or 1/3 of the  
19                  total membership of the Committee, which-  
20                  ever is greater” and inserting “Not more  
21                  than 1/2, but not fewer than 1/3, of the  
22                  total membership of the Committee”;  
23                  (iii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
24                  “one such member shall be an individual”

1 and inserting “two such members shall be  
2 individuals”;

3 (iv) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
4 “one such member shall be a parent or  
5 legal guardian” and inserting “two such  
6 members shall be parents or legal guard-  
7 ians”; and

8 (v) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
9 “one such member shall be a representa-  
10 tive” and inserting “two such members  
11 shall be representatives”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—

14 “(A) FEDERAL MEMBERS.—Federal mem-  
15 bers shall be appointed under paragraph (1) for  
16 a term lasting 4 years, and may be reappointed  
17 for one or more additional 4-year term.

18 “(B) NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—Non-Fed-  
19 eral members shall be appointed under para-  
20 graph (2) for a term lasting 2 years, and may  
21 be reappointed for one additional 2-year term.

22 “(C) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Com-  
23 mittee shall be filled in the manner in which the  
24 original appointment was made and shall not  
25 affect the powers or duties of the Committee.



1 Any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an  
2 unexpired term shall be appointed for the re-  
3 mainder of such term. A member may serve  
4 after the expiration of the member's term until  
5 a successor has been appointed.”;

6 (3) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

8 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) and  
9 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

10 (C) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),  
11 by inserting “and hearings” after “meetings”;  
12 and

13 (4) in subsection (f), by striking “2014” and  
14 inserting “2019”.

15 **SEC. 6. PROGRESS REPORT.**

16 Section 399DD of the Public Health Service Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 280i-3) is amended—

18 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**RE-**  
19 **PORT**” and inserting “**PROGRESS REPORT**”;

20 (2) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) by striking “2 years after the date of  
22 enactment of the Combating Autism Reauthor-  
23 ization Act of 2011” and inserting “4 years  
24 after the date of enactment of the Combating  
25 Autism Reauthorization Act of 2014”;

1 (B) by inserting “and the Secretary of De-  
2 fense” after “the Secretary of Education”; and

3 (C) by inserting “, and make publicly  
4 available, including through posting on the  
5 Internet Web site of the Department of Health  
6 and Human Services,” after “Representatives”;  
7 and

8 (3) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Com-  
10 bating Autism Act of 2006” and inserting “the  
11 Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of  
12 2014”;

13 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “par-  
14 ticular provision of Combating Autism Act of  
15 2006” and inserting “amendments made by the  
16 Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of  
17 2014”;

18 (C) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-  
19 ing the following:

20 “(3) information on the incidence and preva-  
21 lence of autism spectrum disorder, including avail-  
22 able information on the prevalence of autism spec-  
23 trum disorder among children and adults, and iden-  
24 tification of any changes over time with respect to

1 the incidence and prevalence of autism spectrum dis-  
2 order;”;

3 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “6-year  
4 period beginning on the date of enactment of  
5 the Combating Autism Act of 2006” and insert-  
6 ing “4-year period beginning on the date of en-  
7 actment of the Combating Autism Reauthoriza-  
8 tion Act of 2014 and, as appropriate, how this  
9 age varies across populations subgroups”;

10 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “6-year  
11 period beginning on the date of enactment of  
12 the Combating Autism Act of 2006” and insert-  
13 ing “4-year period beginning on the date of en-  
14 actment of the Combating Autism Reauthoriza-  
15 tion Act of 2014 and, as appropriate, how this  
16 age varies across populations subgroups”;

17 (F) in paragraph (6), by inserting “and, as  
18 appropriate, how this average time varies across  
19 populations subgroups” after “disabilities”;

20 (G) in paragraph (7)—

21 (i) by striking “including by various  
22 subtypes,” and inserting “including by se-  
23 verity level as practicable,”; and

1 (ii) by striking “child may” and in-  
2 serting “child or other factors, such as de-  
3 mographic characteristics, may”;

4 (H) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at  
5 the end;

6 (I) in paragraph (9), by striking the period  
7 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (J) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(10) a description of the actions taken to im-  
10 plement and the progress made on implementation  
11 of the strategic plan developed by the Interagency  
12 Autism Coordinating Committee.”.

13 **SEC. 7. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON DEMOGRAPHICS AND**  
14 **NEEDS OF ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM**  
15 **DISORDER.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 24 months after  
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
18 of the United States shall complete a study and submit  
19 to the Congress a report on the demographics and needs,  
20 if any, of individuals in the United States with an autism  
21 spectrum disorder (in this section referred to as “ASD”).

22 (b) ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED.—The study and re-  
23 port under subsection (a) shall—

- 1           (1) address the demographics of individuals  
2           with ASD making the transition from a school-based  
3           support system to adulthood;
- 4           (2) address the needs, if any, of adults with  
5           ASD with respect to—
- 6                 (A) community integration;
- 7                 (B) housing and residential supports;
- 8                 (C) employment;
- 9                 (D) transportation;
- 10                (E) vocational training and rehabilitation;
- 11                (F) continued education;
- 12                (G) health care and social services;
- 13                (H) speech therapy;
- 14                (I) public safety; and
- 15                (J) day habilitation activities, including  
16                those to provide a safe, respectful, and stimu-  
17                lating environment that allows participants to  
18                become active members of their community;
- 19           (3) provide an overview of policies and pro-  
20           grams for addressing the needs identified in para-  
21           graph (2), which should include policies and pro-  
22           grams provided or funded by Federal departments  
23           and agencies, as well as by selected State and local  
24           governments and private sector assistance; and
- 25           (4) provide policy recommendations to—

1 (A) improve outcomes for adults with ASD  
2 making the transition from a school-based sup-  
3 port system to adulthood;

4 (B) enhance the effectiveness of the poli-  
5 cies, programs, and assistance described in  
6 paragraph (3);

7 (C) ensure integration of and collaboration  
8 among services for addressing the needs of  
9 adults with ASD; and

10 (D) encourage independent living, equal  
11 opportunity, full participation, and economic  
12 self-sufficiency.

13 (c) STAKEHOLDER INPUT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section,  
15 the Comptroller General shall obtain the input of  
16 key stakeholders on—

17 (A) the needs, if any, of adults with ASD;

18 (B) the services and resources available for  
19 addressing such needs; and

20 (C) the effectiveness of such services and  
21 resources.

22 (2) STAKEHOLDERS.—The key stakeholders de-  
23 scribed in paragraph (1) should, to the extent prac-  
24 ticable, include the following:

1 (A) Individuals from the business commu-  
2 nity representing both large and small busi-  
3 nesses.

4 (B) Institutions of higher education, com-  
5 munity colleges, vocational schools, and univer-  
6 sity centers for excellence in developmental dis-  
7 abilities.

8 (C) Health care and social service pro-  
9 viders, including case management experts.

10 (D) Vocational rehabilitation experts.

11 (E) State and local housing departments  
12 and nonprofit organizations that provide hous-  
13 ing services for individuals with disabilities.

14 (F) Individuals with ASD, parents of indi-  
15 viduals with ASD, and representatives from ad-  
16 vocacy groups that focus on individuals with  
17 ASD.

18 (G) Officials or employees of the Federal  
19 Government responsible for overseeing disability  
20 services at each of the following departments  
21 and agencies:

22 (i) The Department of Health and  
23 Human Services, including the Administra-  
24 tion for Children and Families, the Centers  
25 for Disease Control and Prevention, the

1 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,  
2 the Health Resources and Services Admin-  
3 istration, and the Administration for Com-  
4 munity Living.

5 (ii) The Department of Education.

6 (iii) The Department of Housing and  
7 Urban Development.

8 (iv) The Department of Labor.

9 (v) The Department of Justice.

10 (vi) The Department of Transpor-  
11 tation.

12 (vii) Any other Federal departments  
13 and agencies determined appropriate by  
14 the Comptroller General.

15 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 Section 399EE of the Public Health Service Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 280i-4) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “fiscal years  
19 2012 through 2014” and inserting “fiscal years  
20 2015 through 2019”;

21 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “fiscal years  
22 2011 through 2014” and inserting “fiscal years  
23 2015 through 2019”; and

24 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “\$161,000,000  
25 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014” and in-



- 1 setting “\$190,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015
- 2 through 2019”.