

Committee Print

(SHOWING THE TEXT OF H.R. 3838, AS FAVORABLY FORWARDED BY THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON JULY 13, 2023)

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3838

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, 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 “Preventing Maternal
5 Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAFE MOTHERHOOD.**

7 (a) MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEES.—
8 Section 317K(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 247b–12(d)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “(includ-

11 ing obstetricians and gynecologists)” after “clinical

12 specialties”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)(i)—

14 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “as appli-

15 cable” and inserting “if available”; and

16 (B) in subclause (III), by striking “, as ap-

17 propriate” and inserting “and coordinating with

18 death certifiers to improve the collection of

19 death record reports and the quality of death

20 records, including by amending cause-of-death

21 information on a death certificate, as appro-

22 priate”.

23 (b) BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-

24 TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—Section 317K of the

1 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
4 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

5 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(e) BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-
8 TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
10 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
11 Control and Prevention, shall, in consultation with
12 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-
13 ices Administration, disseminate to hospitals, State
14 professional society groups, and perinatal quality
15 collaboratives, best practices on how to prevent ma-
16 ternal mortality and morbidity that consider and re-
17 flect best practices identified through other relevant
18 Federal maternal health programs.

19 “(2) FREQUENCY.—The Secretary, acting
20 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
21 Control and Prevention, shall disseminate the best
22 practices referred to in paragraph (1) not less than
23 once per fiscal year.”.

24 (c) EXTENSION.—Subsection (g) of section 317K of
25 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12), as

1 redesignated by subsection (b), is amended by striking
2 “\$58,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023”
3 and inserting “\$108,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
4 through 2028”.