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H. R. 670

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a clearinghouse on intellectual disabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO (for himself and Ms. SHERRILL) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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 “Think Differently
5 Database Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE RE-**
2 **SOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABIL-**
3 **ITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
6 retary”) shall establish and update periodically (but not
7 less frequently than annually or upon awareness of any
8 outdated information) a publicly-available website to pro-
9 vide information with respect to resources and information
10 for people with a disability and the caregivers and families
11 of such people. Such website shall include—

12 (1) information on eligibility to receive medical
13 assistance under a State plan under the Medicaid
14 program under title XIX of the Social Security Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (or a waiver of such plan),
16 including—

17 (A) general information about Medicaid
18 buy-in program eligibility;

19 (B) which States offer Medicaid buy-in
20 programs; and

21 (C) the specific eligibility requirements of
22 such programs;

23 (2) information about how to contact each
24 State’s Medicaid office for information about Med-
25 icaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program eli-

1 gibility, including links and phone numbers for State
2 contacts;

3 (3) information on individual community-based
4 services and long-term support services available to
5 individuals eligible for medical assistance under a
6 State plan under the Medicaid program under title
7 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et
8 seq.) (or a waiver of such plan);

9 (4) where applicable, the duration of wait lists
10 to receive the services described in paragraph (3);

11 (5) where applicable, alternative and supple-
12 mental supports that may be available while an indi-
13 vidual waits to receive the services described in para-
14 graph (3); and

15 (6) a searchable database of such resources, or
16 local resource hubs, that may be searched by geo-
17 graphical area.

18 (b) PROMOTION.—The Secretary shall, as applicable
19 and appropriate, identify and disseminate promotional ac-
20 tivities to improve, among people with a disability and the
21 caretakers and families of such people, the awareness of
22 the resources included in the website established under
23 subsection (a), such as through collaboration with the So-
24 cial Security Administration during its annual updates to
25 the Red Book.

1 (c) MODEL.—In establishing the website under this
2 section, the Secretary may use the website
3 thinkdifferently.net as a model.

Amend the title so as to read: “A Bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a website to promote awareness of available resources for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.”.