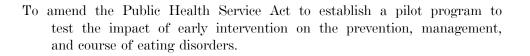


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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. ELLMERS (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

- To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pilot program to test the impact of early intervention on the prevention, management, and course of eating disorders.
 - 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 "Educating to Prevent
- 5 Eating Disorders Act of 2015".

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1	SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST IMPACT OF EARLY			
2	INTERVENTION ON EATING DISORDERS.			
3	Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act			
4	(42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end			
5	the following new section:			
6	"SEC. 399V-6. PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST IMPACT OF EARLY			
7	INTERVENTION ON EATING DISORDERS.			
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8 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, through the Di-9 rector of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 10 may establish a pilot program, for a period of three con-11 secutive school years, to test the impact of providing stu-12 dents in eligible schools with interventions to prevent, 13 identify, intervene, and manage eating disorders.

14 "(b) GRANTS.—

15 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Under such pilot program,
16 the Secretary shall award grants to eligible schools.
17 Each such grant shall be for the period of the pilot
18 program.

19 "(2) USES.—Each eligible school receiving a
20 grant under the pilot program shall use such grant
21 to—

"(A) develop best practices, in accordance,
as appropriate, with input from research experts in the eating disorders field, for eligible
health care providers to assess and recognize

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1	students with eating disorders and to respond
2	appropriately;
3	"(B) hire an eligible health care provider
4	to—
5	"(i) in accordance with the best prac-
6	tices developed pursuant to subparagraph
7	(A), assess and recognize whether students
8	in grades 6 through 8 attending such
9	school have eating disorders and respond
10	appropriately to individuals with eating
11	disorders among students attending such
12	school, including by providing counsel and
13	by referral;
14	"(ii) provide educational information
15	and seminars, developed in partnership
16	with research experts in the field of eating
17	disorders, to teachers at such school and
18	parents of students attending such school
19	to assist such teachers and parents in rec-
20	ognizing the symptoms of eating disorders
21	and understanding how to seek help and
22	intervention; and
23	"(iii) otherwise serve as a full-time
24	health care provider for such school.

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"(c) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—For purposes of this sec tion, the term 'eligible school' means a public or private
 school that—

4 "(1) serves students in grades 6 through 8;
5 "(2) submits to the Secretary, through the Di6 rector of the Agency for Healthcare Research and
7 Quality, an application to participate in the pilot
8 program, containing such information as specified by
9 the Secretary, through the Director;

"(3) is assessed as having a need for a school
nurse trained in assessing students to recognize and
respond to eating disorders; and

"(4) is selected by the Secretary, through the
Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and
Quality, in a manner such that schools are selected
in each of the regions served by a regional office of
the Department of Health and Human Services.

18 "(d) ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—For pur-19 poses of this section, the term 'eligible health care pro-20 vider' means a health care provider, including a guidance 21 counselor, who received a degree or training within a field 22 of health, including mental health or counseling.

23 "(e) REPORTS.—

24 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months25 after the last day of the pilot program, [each eligible

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1 school participating in the pilot program shall sub-2 mit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services 3 a report evaluating the process and the outcomes of the pilot program, with respect to such school, dur-4 5 ing the period of the program. Each such report [, 6 with respect to an eligible school, shall include at 7 least the following: 8 "(A) The number of students assessed 9 under the pilot program at such school, pre-10 sented by age, sex, and ethnicity. 11 "(B) The number of students identified 12 under the pilot program at such school during 13 such program as potentially in need of referral 14 and counseling, the number of such students 15 that participated in counseling and follow-up referrals; and the number of such students who 16 17 showed improvement based on follow up assess-18 ments. 19 "(C) The number of educational seminars 20 described in subsection (b)(2)(B) provided 21 under the pilot program at such school, pre-22 sented by categories of parents and teachers. 23 "(D) The number of parents and teachers 24 that indicated they needed more information or

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1	assistance in responding to a potential problem
2	relating to eating disorders.

3 "(E) An evaluation of best practices which
4 worked best for the student population of the
5 eligible school.

6 "(2) POSTING ON AHRQ WEBSITE.—Not later 7 than 12 months after the last day of the pilot pro-8 gram, the Secretary shall post on the public Internet 9 website of the Agency for Healthcare Research and 10 Quality [aggregate] information on the pilot pro-11 gram described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of 12 paragraph (1) based on the information submitted 13 under such paragraph.

14 "(f) NO ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-15 PRIATIONS.—Amounts otherwise made available to the 16 [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] for pur-17 poses of surveillance activities shall be made available to 18 carry out this section. No amounts other than those made 19 available pursuant to the previous sentence are authorized 20 for appropriation to carry out this section.".