

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7189
OFFERED BY MR. BILIRAKIS OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Congenital Heart Fu-
3 tures Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

**4 SEC. 2 REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL CONGENITAL
5 HEART DISEASE RESEARCH, SURVEILLANCE,
6 AND AWARENESS PROGRAM.**

7 Section 399V–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 280g–13) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
10 subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(f) REPORT AND STRATEGY.—

14 “(1) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
15 date of enactment of the Congenital Heart Futures
16 Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Secretary shall
17 issue a report to the Committee on Energy and
18 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the

1 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
2 sions of the Senate including the following:

3 “(A) A description of past and present ac-
4 tivities of the Department of Health and
5 Human Services to increase awareness and
6 knowledge of the public with respect to con-
7 genital heart disease, including efforts to ad-
8 dress the lifelong needs of congenital heart dis-
9 ease patients.

10 “(B) An assessment of past and present
11 activities of the Department of Health and
12 Human Services to increase education and
13 training of health care providers with respect to
14 congenital heart disease, including efforts to ad-
15 dress the lifelong needs of congenital heart dis-
16 ease patients.

17 “(C) A description of the current work-
18 force capacity in the United States of health
19 care providers who treat adult patients living
20 with congenital heart disease.

21 “(2) STRATEGY.—

22 “(A) DEVELOPMENT; SUBMISSION TO CON-
23 GRESS.—Not later than 1 year after submitting
24 the report required by paragraph (1), the Sec-
25 retary shall develop and submit to Congress a

1 strategy for improving efforts to increase
2 awareness and knowledge of the public and edu-
3 cation and training of health care providers
4 with respect to congenital heart disease. Such
5 strategy shall include findings and rec-
6 ommendations to—

7 “(i) address any public awareness and
8 research gaps and opportunities related to
9 the lifelong needs of congenital heart dis-
10 ease patients, including long-term health
11 outcomes, quality of life, mental health,
12 and health care utilization;

13 “(ii) address any shortages in the cur-
14 rent workforce of health care providers
15 who treat adult patients living with con-
16 genital heart disease, which may include
17 strategies to enhance fellowship training
18 programs or other continuing education
19 programs; and

20 “(iii) foster collaboration and dissemi-
21 nation of information across Federal agen-
22 cies, health care providers, researchers,
23 and patient organizations.

24 “(B) CONSULTATION.—In developing the
25 strategy under subparagraph (A), the Secretary

1 shall, as appropriate, consult with qualified
2 stakeholder groups, including patient organiza-
3 tions, health care professionals, research enti-
4 ties, health insurance providers, accrediting or-
5 ganizations, and relevant Federal agencies, in-
6 cluding the Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention, the National Institutes of Health,
8 and the Health Resources and Services Admin-
9 istration.”; and
10 (3) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
11 striking “2020 through 2024” and inserting “2025
12 through 2029”.

