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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Autism Collaboration,*
5 *Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of*
6 *2019” or the “Autism CARES Act of 2019”.*

7 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION, INTENSIFICATION, AND COORDINA-**
8 **TION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE NIH WITH RE-**
9 **SPECT TO RESEARCH ON AUTISM SPECTRUM**
10 **DISORDER.**

11 *Section 409C of the Public Health Service Act (42*
12 *U.S.C. 284g) is amended—*

13 *(1) in subsection (a)(1)—*

14 *(A) in the first sentence, by striking “and*
15 *toxicology” and inserting “toxicology, and inter-*
16 *ventions to maximize outcomes for individuals*
17 *with autism spectrum disorder”; and*

18 *(B) by striking the second sentence and in-*
19 *serting the following: “Such research shall inves-*
20 *tigate the causes (including possible environ-*
21 *mental causes), diagnosis or ruling out, early*
22 *and ongoing detection, prevention, services across*
23 *the lifespan, supports, intervention, and treat-*
24 *ment of autism spectrum disorder, including dis-*

1 *semination and implementation of clinical care,*
2 *supports, interventions, and treatments.”;*

3 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

4 *(A) in paragraph (2)—*

5 *(i) in the second sentence, by striking*
6 *“cause” and all that follows through “dis-*
7 *order” and inserting “causes, diagnosis,*
8 *early and ongoing detection, prevention,*
9 *and treatment of autism spectrum disorder*
10 *across the lifespan”; and*

11 *(ii) in the third sentence, by striking*
12 *“neurobiology” and all that follows through*
13 *the period and inserting “neurobiology, ge-*
14 *netics, genomics, psychopharmacology, de-*
15 *velopmental psychology, behavioral psy-*
16 *chology, and clinical psychology.”; and*

17 *(B) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end*
18 *the following:*

19 *“(D) REDUCING DISPARITIES.—The Direc-*
20 *tor may consider, as appropriate, the extent to*
21 *which a center can demonstrate availability and*
22 *access to clinical services for youth and adults*
23 *from diverse racial, ethnic, geographic, or lin-*
24 *guistic backgrounds in decisions about awarding*

1 *grants to applicants which meet the scientific*
2 *criteria for funding under this section.”.*

3 **SEC. 3. PROGRAMS RELATING TO AUTISM.**

4 *(a) DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SURVEILLANCE*
5 *AND RESEARCH PROGRAM.—Section 399AA of the Public*
6 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i) is amended—*

7 *(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “adults on*
8 *autism spectrum disorder” and inserting “adults with*
9 *autism spectrum disorder”;*

10 *(2) in subsection (a)(2)—*

11 *(A) by striking “State and local public*
12 *health officials” and inserting “State, local, and*
13 *Tribal public health officials”;*

14 *(B) by striking “or other developmental dis-*
15 *abilities” and inserting “and other develop-*
16 *mental disabilities”;*

17 *(3) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “a univer-*
18 *sity, or any other educational institution” and insert-*
19 *ing “a university, any other educational institution,*
20 *an Indian tribe, or a tribal organization”;*

21 *(4) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking “relevant*
22 *State and local public health officials, private sector*
23 *developmental disability researchers, and advocates*
24 *for individuals with developmental disabilities” and*
25 *inserting “State, local, and Tribal public health offi-*

1 *cials, private sector developmental disability research-*
2 *ers, advocates for individuals with autism spectrum*
3 *disorder, and advocates for individuals with other de-*
4 *velopmental disabilities”;*

5 (5) *in subsection (d)—*

6 (A) *by redesignating paragraphs (1) and*
7 (2) *as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and*

8 (B) *by inserting before paragraph (2), as so*
9 *redesignated, the following new paragraph:*

10 “(1) *INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The*
11 *terms ‘Indian tribe’ and ‘tribal organization’ have the*
12 *meanings given such terms in section 4 of the Indian*
13 *Health Care Improvement Act.”; and*

14 (6) *in subsection (e), by striking “2019” and in-*
15 *serting “2024”.*

16 (b) *AUTISM EDUCATION, EARLY DETECTION, AND*
17 *INTERVENTION.—Section 399BB of the Public Health Serv-*
18 *ice Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–1) is amended—*

19 (1) *in subsection (a)(1)—*

20 (A) *by striking “individuals with autism*
21 *spectrum disorder or other developmental dis-*
22 *abilities” and inserting “individuals with au-*
23 *tism spectrum disorder and other developmental*
24 *disabilities”;* and

1 (B) by striking “children with autism spec-
2 trum disorder” and all that follows through “dis-
3 abilities;” and inserting “individuals with au-
4 tism spectrum disorder and other developmental
5 disabilities across their lifespan;”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “indi-
8 viduals with” before “autism spectrum disorder”;

9 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
10 through (6) as paragraphs (5) through (7), re-
11 spectively; and

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(4) promote evidence-based screening techniques
15 and interventions for individuals with autism spec-
16 trum disorder and other developmental disabilities
17 across their lifespan;”;

18 (3) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter pre-
20 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “the needs
21 of individuals with autism spectrum disorder or
22 other developmental disabilities and their fami-
23 lies” and inserting “the needs of individuals
24 with autism spectrum disorder and other devel-

1 *opmental disabilities across their lifespan and*
2 *the needs of their families”; and*

3 *(B) in paragraph (2)—*

4 *(i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-*
5 *ing “caregivers of individuals with an au-*
6 *tism spectrum disorder” and inserting*
7 *“caregivers of individuals with autism spec-*
8 *trum disorder or other developmental dis-*
9 *abilities”;*

10 *(ii) in subparagraph (B)(i)(II), by in-*
11 *serting “autism spectrum disorder and”*
12 *after “individuals with”; and*

13 *(iii) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by in-*
14 *serting “autism spectrum disorder and”*
15 *after “individuals with”;*

16 *(4) in subsection (e)—*

17 *(A) in paragraph (1)—*

18 *(i) in the matter preceding subpara-*
19 *graph (A), by inserting “across their life-*
20 *span” before “and ensure”; and*

21 *(ii) in subparagraph (B)(iv), by in-*
22 *serting “across their lifespan” after “other*
23 *developmental disabilities”;*

24 *(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and*
25 *(3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and*

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(2) *DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRI-*
4 *CIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS.—*

5 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—In making awards*
6 *under this subsection, the Secretary may*
7 *prioritize awards to applicants that are develop-*
8 *mental-behavioral pediatrician training pro-*
9 *grams located in rural or underserved areas.*

10 “(B) *DEFINITION OF UNDERSERVED*
11 *AREA.—In this paragraph, the term ‘underserved*
12 *area’ means—*

13 “(i) *a health professional shortage area*
14 *(as defined in section 332(a)(1)(A)); and*

15 “(ii) *an urban or rural area des-*
16 *ignated by the Secretary as an area with a*
17 *shortage of personal health services (as de-*
18 *scribed in section 330(b)(3)(A)).”;*

19 (5) *in subsection (f), by inserting “across the*
20 *lifespan of such individuals” after “other develop-*
21 *mental disabilities”;* and

22 (6) *in subsection (g), by striking “2019” and in-*
23 *serting “2024”.*

1 (c) *INTERAGENCY AUTISM COORDINATING COM-*
2 *MITTEE.—Section 399CC of the Public Health Service Act*
3 *(42 U.S.C. 280i–2) is amended—*

4 (1) *in subsection (b)—*

5 (A) *in paragraph (2), by inserting “across*
6 *the lifespan of such individuals” before the semi-*
7 *colon; and*

8 (B) *in paragraph (5), by inserting “across*
9 *the lifespan of such individuals” before “and the*
10 *families”;*

11 (2) *in subsection (c)—*

12 (A) *in paragraph (1)(D), by inserting “, the*
13 *Department of Labor, the Department of Justice,*
14 *the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Depart-*
15 *ment of Housing and Urban Development,” after*
16 *“Department of Education”;*

17 (B) *in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of*
18 *paragraph (2), by striking “at least two such*
19 *members” each place it appears and inserting*
20 *“at least three such members”;*

21 (C) *in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “one*
22 *or more additional 4-year terms” and inserting*
23 *“one additional 4-year term”;* and

24 (3) *in subsection (f), by striking “2019” and in-*
25 *serting “2024”.*

1 (d) *REPORTS TO CONGRESS.*—Section 399DD of the
2 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–3)* is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Autism
5 *CARES Act of 2014*” and inserting “Autism
6 *CARES Act of 2019*”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) in subparagraphs (A), (B), (D),
9 and (E), by striking “Autism *CARES Act*
10 *of 2014*” each place it appears and insert-
11 *ing “Autism CARES Act of 2019*”;

12 (ii) in subparagraph (G), by striking
13 “age of the child” and inserting “age of the
14 individual”;

15 (iii) in subparagraph (H), by striking
16 “; and” and inserting “;”;

17 (iv) in subparagraph (I), by striking
18 the period and inserting “; and”; and

19 (v) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(J) information on how States use home-
21 and community-based services and other sup-
22 ports to ensure that individuals with autism
23 spectrum disorder and other developmental dis-
24 abilities are living, working, and participating
25 in their community.”; and

1 (2) *in subsection (b)—*

2 (A) *in the heading, by striking “YOUNG*
3 *ADULTS AND TRANSITIONING YOUTH” and in-*
4 *serting “THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF IN-*
5 *DIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER*
6 *ACROSS THEIR LIFESPAN”;*

7 (B) *by amending paragraph (1) to read as*
8 *follows:*

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after*
10 *the date of enactment of the Autism CARES Act of*
11 *2019, the Secretary shall prepare and submit, to the*
12 *Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-*
13 *sions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and*
14 *Commerce of the House of Representatives, a report*
15 *concerning the health and well-being of individuals*
16 *with autism spectrum disorder.”; and*

17 (C) *in paragraph (2)—*

18 (i) *by amending subparagraph (A) to*
19 *read as follows:*

20 “(A) *demographic factors associated with*
21 *the health and well-being of individuals with au-*
22 *tism spectrum disorder;”;*

23 (ii) *in subparagraph (B), by striking*
24 *“young adults” and all that follows through*
25 *the semicolon and inserting “the health and*

1 *well-being of individuals with autism spec-*
2 *trum disorder, including an identification*
3 *of existing Federal laws, regulations, poli-*
4 *cies, research, and programs;”;* and

5 *(iii) by amending subparagraphs (C),*
6 *(D), and (E) to read as follows:*

7 *“(C) recommendations on establishing best*
8 *practices guidelines to ensure interdisciplinary*
9 *coordination between all relevant service pro-*
10 *viders receiving Federal funding;*

11 *“(D) comprehensive approaches to improv-*
12 *ing health outcomes and well-being for individ-*
13 *uals with autism spectrum disorder, including—*

14 *“(i) community-based behavioral sup-*
15 *ports and interventions;*

16 *“(ii) nutrition, recreational, and social*
17 *activities; and*

18 *“(iii) personal safety services related to*
19 *public safety agencies or the criminal jus-*
20 *tice system for such individuals; and*

21 *“(E) recommendations that seek to improve*
22 *health outcomes for such individuals, including*
23 *across their lifespan, by addressing—*

24 *“(i) screening and diagnosis of chil-*
25 *dren and adults;*

- 1 “(ii) behavioral and other therapeutic
2 approaches;
3 “(iii) primary and preventative care;
4 “(iv) communication challenges;
5 “(v) aggression, self-injury, elopement,
6 and other behavioral issues;
7 “(vi) emergency room visits and acute
8 care hospitalization;
9 “(vii) treatment for co-occurring phys-
10 ical and mental health conditions;
11 “(viii) premature mortality;
12 “(ix) medical practitioner training;
13 and
14 “(x) caregiver mental health.”.

15 (e) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section
16 *399EE of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i–*
17 *4) is amended—*

18 (1) *in subsection (a), by striking “\$22,000,000*
19 *for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019” and in-*
20 *serting “\$23,100,000 for each of fiscal years 2020*
21 *through 2024”;*

22 (2) *in subsection (b), by striking “\$48,000,000*
23 *for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019” and in-*
24 *serting “\$50,599,000 for each of fiscal years 2020*
25 *through 2024”; and*

1 (3) *in subsection (c), by striking “there is au-*
2 *thorized to be appropriated \$190,000,000 for each of*
3 *fiscal years 2015 through 2019” and inserting “there*
4 *are authorized to be appropriated \$296,000,000 for*
5 *each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes.”.