

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 7208, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7208

To reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

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

A BILL

To reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program.

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 “Dennis John Benigno
5 Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of
6 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. THE BILL PASCRELL, JR., NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR**
2 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVEILLANCE**
3 **AND REGISTRIES.**

4 Section 393C of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 280b–1d) is amended—

6 (1) by amending the section header to read as
7 follows: “THE BILL PASCRELL, JR., NATIONAL PRO-
8 GRAM FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVEIL-
9 LANCE AND REGISTRIES”; and

10 (2) by striking subsection (b).

11 **SEC. 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INJURIES.**

12 Section 394A(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 280b–3(b)) is amended by striking “fiscal years
14 2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025
15 through 2029”.

16 **SEC. 4. STATE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS REGARDING TRAU-**
17 **MATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

18 Section 1252 of the Public Health Service Act (42
19 U.S.C. 300d–52) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “that is not
21 less than \$1 for each \$2 of Federal funds provided
22 under the grant.” and inserting the following: “that
23 is—

24 “(A) for fiscal years 2020 through 2024,
25 not less than \$1 for each \$2 of Federal funds
26 provided under the grant; and

1 “(B) for fiscal year 2025 and each suc-
2 ceeding fiscal year, not less than \$0.50 for each
3 \$2 of Federal funds provided under the grant.”;

4 (2) by striking subsection (e);

5 (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (i)
6 as subsections (e) through (h), respectively;

7 (4) by amending subsection (g)(2), as so redес-
8 ignated, to read as follows:

9 “(2)(A) The term ‘traumatic brain injury’
10 means an acquired injury to the brain.

11 “(B) Such term—

12 “(i) does not include brain dysfunc-
13 tion caused by congenital or degenerative
14 disorders, nor birth trauma; and

15 “(ii) may include—

16 “(I) brain injuries caused by an-
17 oxia due to trauma; and

18 “(II) damage to the brain from
19 an internal or external source that re-
20 sults in toxicity, surgery, or vascular
21 disorders not associated with aging.

22 “(C) The Secretary may revise the defini-
23 tion of such term as the Secretary determines
24 necessary, after consultation with States and

1 other appropriate public or nonprofit private
2 entities.”; and

3 (5) in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by
4 striking “fiscal years 2020 through 2024” and in-
5 serting “fiscal years 2025 through 2029”.

6 **SEC. 5. STATE GRANTS FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY**
7 **SERVICES.**

8 Section 1253(l) of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300d–53(l)) is amended by striking “fiscal years
10 2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025
11 through 2029”.

12 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON DESIGNATING BRAIN INJURY AS A**
13 **CHRONIC CONDITION.**

14 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
15 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
16 and Prevention, shall—

17 (1) examine the evidence base for designating
18 brain injury as a chronic condition that can impact
19 individuals with brain injury across the lifespan; and

20 (2) not later than 2 years after the date of en-
21 actment of this Act—

22 (A) submit to the Committee on Energy
23 and Commerce of the House of Representatives
24 and the Committee on Health, Education,
25 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report de-

1 tailing the findings, conclusions, and rec-
2 ommendations of the examination described in
3 paragraph (1); and

4 (B) make publicly available on the website
5 of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
6 tion the report described in subparagraph (A).