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H. R. 7189

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a national congenital heart disease research, surveillance, and awareness program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. CÁRDENAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a national congenital heart disease research, surveillance, and awareness program, 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 “Congenital Heart Fu-
5 tures Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL CONGENITAL**
2 **HEART DISEASE RESEARCH, SURVEILLANCE,**
3 **AND AWARENESS PROGRAM.**

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

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
7 subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(f) REPORT AND STRATEGY.—

11 “(1) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
12 date of enactment of the Congenital Heart Futures
13 Reauthorization Act of 2024, the Secretary shall
14 issue a report to the Committee on Energy and
15 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
16 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
17 sions of the Senate including the following:

18 “(A) A description of past and present ac-
19 tivities of the Department of Health and
20 Human Services to increase awareness and
21 knowledge of the public with respect to con-
22 genital heart disease, including efforts to ad-
23 dress the lifelong needs of congenital heart dis-
24 ease patients.

25 “(B) An assessment of past and present
26 activities of the Department of Health and

1 Human Services to increase education and
2 training of health care providers with respect to
3 congenital heart disease, including efforts to ad-
4 dress the lifelong needs of congenital heart dis-
5 ease patients.

6 “(C) A description of the current work-
7 force capacity in the United States of health
8 care providers who treat adult patients living
9 with congenital heart disease.

10 “(2) STRATEGY.—

11 “(A) DEVELOPMENT; SUBMISSION TO CON-
12 GRESS.—Not later than 1 year after submitting
13 the report required by paragraph (1), the Sec-
14 retary shall develop and submit to Congress a
15 strategy for improving efforts to increase
16 awareness and knowledge of the public and edu-
17 cation and training of health care providers
18 with respect to congenital heart disease. Such
19 strategy shall include findings and rec-
20 ommendations to—

21 “(i) address any public awareness and
22 research gaps and opportunities related to
23 the lifelong needs of congenital heart dis-
24 ease patients, including long-term health

1 outcomes, quality of life, mental health,
2 and health care utilization;

3 “(ii) address any shortages in the cur-
4 rent workforce of health care providers
5 who treat adult patients living with con-
6 genital heart disease, which may include
7 strategies to enhance fellowship training
8 programs or other continuing education
9 programs; and

10 “(iii) foster collaboration and dissemi-
11 nation of information across Federal agen-
12 cies, health care providers, researchers,
13 and patient organizations.

14 “(B) CONSULTATION.—In developing the
15 strategy under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
16 shall, as appropriate, consult with qualified
17 stakeholder groups, including patient organiza-
18 tions, health care professionals, research enti-
19 ties, health insurance providers, accrediting or-
20 ganizations, and relevant Federal agencies, in-
21 cluding the Centers for Disease Control and
22 Prevention, the National Institutes of Health,
23 and the Health Resources and Services Admin-
24 istration.”; and

1 (3) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
2 striking “2020 through 2024” and inserting “2025
3 through 2029”.