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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7208

To reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Mr. PASCARELL (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, 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 “Dennis John Beningo
5 Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of
6 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INJURIES.**

2 Section 394A(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 280b–3(b)) is amended by striking “fiscal years
4 2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025
5 through 2029”.

6 **SEC. 3. STATE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS REGARDING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

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

10 (1) by striking subsection (e);

11 (2) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j)
12 as subsections (e) through (i), respectively;

13 (3) by amending subsection (g)(2), as so rededesignated,
14 to read as follows:

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

17 “(B) Such term—

18 “(i) does not include brain dysfunction
19 caused by congenital or degenerative disorders,
20 nor birth trauma; and

21 “(ii) may include—

22 “(I) brain injuries caused by anoxia
23 due to trauma; and

24 “(II) damage to the brain from an internal or external
25 source that results in in-

1 fection, toxicity, surgery, or vascular dis-
2 orders not associated with aging.

3 “(C) The Secretary may revise the definition of
4 such term as the Secretary determines necessary,
5 after consultation with States and other appropriate
6 public or nonprofit private entities.”; and

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

10 **SEC. 4. STATE GRANTS FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY**
11 **SERVICES.**

12 Section 1253(l) of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 300d–53(l)) is amended by striking “fiscal years
14 2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025
15 through 2029”.

16 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON DESIGNATING BRAIN INJURY AS A**
17 **CHRONIC CONDITION.**

18 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
19 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
20 and Prevention, shall—

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

24 (2) not later than 18 months after the date of
25 enactment of this Act, submit to the Committee on

1 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
2 tives and the Committee on Health, Education,
3 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report detailing
4 the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of
5 the examination described in paragraph (1).