

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5160
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stem Cell Therapeutic
3 and Research Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

**4 SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE C.W. BILL YOUNG CELL
5 TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM.**

6 Section 379B of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 274m) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “appropriated \$31,009,000” and
9 inserting the following: “appropriated—

10 “(1) \$31,009,000”;

11 (2) in paragraph (1), as so inserted, by striking
12 the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) \$33,009,000 for each of fiscal years 2027
15 through 2031.”.

16 SEC. 3. CORD BLOOD INVENTORY.

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a) of the Stem Cell
18 Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 274k

1 note) is amended by striking “at least 150,000 new units
2 of high-quality cord blood” and inserting “a sufficient sup-
3 ply, as determined by the Secretary, of high-quality cord
4 blood units”.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—Section 2(c) of such Act (42
6 U.S.C. 274k note) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “in perpetuity
8 or”; and

9 (2) by amending paragraph (5) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(5) if the Secretary determines through an as-
12 sessment, or through petition by the applicant, that
13 a cord blood bank is no longer operational, does not
14 meet the requirements described in subsection
15 (d)(4), or does not meet the requirements of section
16 379(d)(4) of the Public Health Service Act, and as
17 a result may not distribute the high-quality units,
18 the Secretary may transfer the units collected pursu-
19 ant to this section to another qualified cord blood
20 bank or entity approved by the Secretary to ensure
21 continued availability of high-quality cord blood
22 units.”.

23 (c) DURATION OF CONTRACTS.—Section 2(d)(4) of
24 such Act (42 U.S.C. 274k note) is amended to read as
25 follows:

1 “(4) CONSIDERATION OF BEST SCIENCE.—The
2 Secretary shall take into consideration current sci-
3 entific and clinical information in order to maximize
4 the availability of high-quality cord blood units meet-
5 ing applicable clinical and quality standards for
6 transplant when entering into contracts under this
7 section, or when extending a period of funding under
8 such a contract under paragraph (2).”.

9 (d) INVENTORY MANAGEMENT.—Section 2 of such
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 274k note) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and
12 (g) and as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively;
13 and

14 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(e) INVENTORY MANAGEMENT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall man-
18 age the size and composition of the National Cord
19 Blood Inventory to maximize clinical utility, ensure
20 genetic diversity, and promote the efficient use of re-
21 sources.

22 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out para-
23 graph (1), the Secretary may—

24 “(A) on the Secretary’s own initiative or
25 upon petition by a qualified cord blood bank,

1 make determinations regarding the continued
2 storage of cord blood units based on the best
3 available scientific and clinical evidence; or

4 “(B) prioritize the collection, retention, or
5 disposition of cord blood units based on sci-
6 entific, clinical, or operational considerations
7 that the Secretary determines to be relevant.”.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2(g) of such Act, as re-
9 designated by subsection (d)(1) of this section, is amend-
10 ed—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
12 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(4) The term ‘high quality cord blood unit’
16 means a cord blood unit that meets current industry
17 standards and any requirements of the Food and
18 Drug Administration.”.

19 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
20 2(h) of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (d)(1) of
21 this section, is amended by striking “fiscal years 2022
22 through 2026” and inserting “fiscal years 2027 through
23 2031”.

