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# H. R. 670

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a clearinghouse on intellectual disabilities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2023

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

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## A BILL

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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 “Think Differently  
5 Database Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLEARINGHOUSE ON INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.**

2 Subpart 7 of part C of title IV of the Public Health  
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285g et seq.) is amended by insert-  
4 ing after section 450 (42 U.S.C. 285g-2) the following:

5 **“SEC. 450A. CLEARINGHOUSE ON INTELLECTUAL DISABIL-**  
6 **ITIES.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation  
8 with the Director of NIH and the Director of the Insti-  
9 tute, shall establish within the Department of Health and  
10 Human Services, a publicly-available clearinghouse to pro-  
11 vide information with respect to resources and information  
12 for people with an intellectual disability and the caregivers  
13 and families of such people. Such clearinghouse shall in-  
14 clude—

15 “(1) information on individual community-based  
16 services and long-term support services available to  
17 individuals eligible for medical assistance under a  
18 State plan under the Medicaid program under title  
19 XIX of the Social Security Act (or a waiver of such  
20 plan);

21 “(2) information on how to obtain health care,  
22 mental health care, and other relevant services; and

23 “(3) a searchable database of such resources  
24 that may be searched by postal zip code.

25 “(b) PROMOTION.—The Secretary shall, as applicable  
26 and appropriate, identify and disseminate promotional ac-

1 tivities to improve, among people with an intellectual dis-  
2 ability and the caretakers and families of such people, the  
3 awareness of the resources included in the clearinghouse  
4 established under subsection (a).

5 “(c) MODEL.—In establishing the clearinghouse  
6 under this section, the Secretary may use the website  
7 thinkdifferently.net as a model.”.

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