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H. R. 7688

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Project ECHO Grant Program, to establish grants under such program to disseminate knowledge and build capacity to address Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. TONKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Accelerating Access
5 to Dementia and Alzheimer’s Provider Training Act” or
6 the “AADAPT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF PROJECT ECHO GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM; PROJECT ECHO GRANTS FOR ALZ-**
3 **HEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA**
4 **CARE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 330N(a)(1) of the Public
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–20(a)(1)) is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
9 tity’ means—

10 “(A) in the case of a grant under sub-
11 section (b)(1), an entity that provides, or sup-
12 ports the provision of, health care services in
13 rural areas, frontier areas, health professional
14 shortage areas, or medically underserved areas,
15 or to medically underserved populations or Na-
16 tive Americans, including Indian Tribes, Tribal
17 organizations, and urban Indian organizations,
18 and which may include entities leading, or capa-
19 ble of leading, a technology-enabled collabo-
20 rative learning and capacity building model or
21 engaging in technology-enabled collaborative
22 training of participants in such model; and

23 “(B) in the case of a grant under sub-
24 section (b)(2), a public or nonprofit private en-
25 tity that is leading, or is capable of leading, a

1 model described in subsection (b)(2)(A) for Alz-
2 heimer’s disease and related dementias.”.

3 (b) GRANTS.—Section 330N(b) of the Public Health
4 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–20(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “ESTABLISHED.—The Sec-
6 retary” and inserting “ESTABLISHED.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) PROJECT ECHO GRANTS FOR ALZHEIMER’S
10 DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIA CARE.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
12 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
13 the Secretary shall award 1 or more grants to
14 eligible entities to evaluate, develop, and, as ap-
15 propriate, expand the use of technology-enabled
16 collaborative learning and capacity building
17 models for eligible health care professionals to
18 improve retention of health care providers and
19 to increase access to early and accurate diag-
20 nosis of Alzheimer’s disease and related demen-
21 tias and quality dementia care.

22 “(B) ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE PROFES-
23 SIONAL DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term
24 ‘eligible health care professional’ means a
25 health care professional who—

1 “(i) provides primary care services, in-
2 cluding such services provided—

3 “(I) in rural areas, frontier
4 areas, health professional shortage
5 areas, or medically underserved areas;
6 or

7 “(II) to medically underserved
8 populations or Native Americans; and

9 “(ii) is licensed, registered, or cer-
10 tified in accordance with applicable law re-
11 garding the provision of such services.”.

12 (c) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Section 330N(f)
13 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–20(f))
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 “(f) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity that seeks to
16 receive a grant under subsection (b) shall submit to the
17 Secretary an application, at such time, in such manner,
18 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
19 quire. Such application shall include—

20 “(1) plans to assess the effect of technology-en-
21 abled collaborative learning and capacity building
22 models on patient outcomes and health care pro-
23 viders; and

24 “(2) in the case of an application submitted for
25 a grant under subsection (b)(2), assurances that

1 funds received under such grant shall supplement
2 and not supplant funds received from any other
3 source.”.

4 (d) REPORTS.—

5 (1) BY ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Section 330N(e)
6 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–
7 20(e)) is amended—

8 (A) in the first sentence—

9 (i) by striking “this section” and in-
10 sserting “subsection (b)(1), and shall re-
11 quire entities awarded a grant under sub-
12 section (b)(2),”; and

13 (ii) by striking “subsection (b).” and
14 inserting “subsection (b)(1).”; and

15 (B) by inserting after the first sentence
16 the following: “Each entity awarded a grant
17 under subsection (b)(2) shall submit to the Ad-
18 visory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care,
19 and Services a report containing such collected
20 information.”.

21 (2) BY SECRETARY.—Section 330N(j) of the
22 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–20(j)) is
23 amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (2), by redesignating
25 subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i)

1 through (iii), respectively, and adjusting the
2 margins accordingly;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
4 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
5 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
6 ingly;

7 (C) by striking “Not later than 4 years
8 after” and inserting the following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years
10 after”; and

11 (D) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) UPDATE TO REPORT.—Not later than 4
13 years after the date of enactment of subsection
14 (b)(2), the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the
15 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
16 sions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy
17 and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and
18 post on the internet website of the Department of
19 Health and Human Services, an updated version of
20 the report described in paragraph (1).”.

21 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
22 330N(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
23 254c–20(k)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
3 tion—

4 “(1) other than with respect to grants under
5 subsection (b)(2), \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal
6 years 2022 through 2031; and

7 “(2) with respect to grants under subsection
8 (b)(2), \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
9 through 2031.”.

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