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H. R. 8890

To reauthorize the Regional Partnership Grant program under subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act for 5 years, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To reauthorize the Regional Partnership Grant program under subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act for 5 years, 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 “Regional Partnership
5 Grants Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) FUNDING.—Section 436(b)(5) of the Social Secu-
8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(b)(5)) is amended by striking

1 “2017 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through
2 2029”.

3 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 437(f)(3)(A) of such
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(3)(A)) is amended by strik-
6 ing “for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2023”.

7 (2) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF GRANT TO BE
8 DISBURSED FOR PLANNING PHASE.—Section
9 437(f)(3)(B)(iii) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
10 629g(f)(3)(B)(iii)) is amended in the 2nd sentence
11 by striking “\$250,000, and may not exceed”.

12 (c) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ADMINIS-
13 TRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARY.—Section
14 437(f)(10) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(10)) is amend-
15 ed by striking “for each of fiscal years 2017 through
16 2023”.

17 **SEC. 3. DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT AND PLANNED FAMILY-**
18 **CENTERED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**
19 **TREATMENT SERVICES.**

20 Section 432(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 629b(a)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
23 (9);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
25 graph (10) and inserting “; and”; and

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

2 “(11) contains descriptions of—

3 “(A) all Federal funding sources currently
4 used or for which there is a plan to use in the
5 future to support family-centered treatment
6 substance use disorder programs for families
7 with children who are in, or at risk of entering
8 or re-entering, the child welfare system; and

9 “(B) how the State agency is partnering
10 with, or plans to partner with, public or private
11 agencies providing substance use disorder treat-
12 ment services for families in, or at risk of enter-
13 ing, the child welfare system.”.

14 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED SERVICES.**

15 Section 437(f)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
16 U.S.C. 629g(f)(1)) is amended by inserting “, and expand
17 the scope of the evidence-based services that may be ap-
18 proved by the clearinghouse established under section
19 476(d)” before the period.

20 **SEC. 5. EVALUATIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

21 (a) CONSIDERATIONS FOR AWARDING GRANTS.—

22 Section 437(f)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 629g(f)(7)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
25 graph (D);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
2 paragraph (E) and inserting “; and”; and

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

4 “(F) have submitted information pursuant
5 to paragraph (4)(F) that demonstrates the ca-
6 pability to participate in rigorous evaluation of
7 program effectiveness.”.

8 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON USING FOSTER
9 CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF
10 FOSTER CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED WITH A
11 PARENT RESIDING IN A LICENSED RESIDENTIAL FAM-
12 ILY-BASED TREATMENT FACILITY.—Section 476(a) of
13 such Act (42 U.S.C. 676(a)) is amended by inserting “,
14 including by providing technical assistance to the State
15 agency operating the State plan approved under this part
16 and, in States to which a grant is made under section
17 437(f), to eligible entities, during all phases of the grant
18 cycle described in section 437(f)(3)(B), on how children
19 placed with a parent in a licensed residential family-based
20 treatment facility in accordance with section 472(j) could
21 be eligible for foster care maintenance payments by reason
22 of section 472(a)(2)(C), so that States may better under-
23 stand how to access the funds and grantees may better
24 understand, communicate with, and share data with the

1 State agency operating the State plan approved under this
2 part,” before “and shall”.

3 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON USING REGIONAL
4 PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUNDS IN COORDINATION WITH
5 OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS TO BETTER SERVE CHILD
6 WELFARE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY A SUBSTANCE USE
7 DISORDER.—Section 435(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
8 629e(d)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
10 (4);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
12 graph (5) and inserting “; and”; and

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

14 “(6) use grants under section 437 in coordina-
15 tion with other Federal funds to better serve families
16 in the child welfare system that are affected by a
17 substance use disorder.”.

18 **SEC. 6. PERFORMANCE INDICATOR CONSULTATION RE-**
19 **QUIRED.**

20 Section 437(f)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act (42
21 U.S.C. 629g(f)(8)(B)) is amended by redesignating clause
22 (iii) as clause (iv) and inserting after clause (ii) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(iii) The Administrator of the Na-
25 tional Institute on Drug Abuse.”.

1 **SEC. 7. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.**

2 Section 437(f)(8)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
3 U.S.C. 629g(f)(8)(A)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “this subsection,” and inserting
5 “the Regional Partnership Grants Reauthorization
6 Act of 2024,”;

7 (2) by inserting “child permanency, reunifica-
8 tion, re-entry into care,” before “parental recovery”;
9 and

10 (3) by inserting “to serve families with sub-
11 stance use disorder including those that are over-
12 represented in foster care, difficult to place, or have
13 disproportionately low permanency rates” after
14 “family well-being”.

15 **SEC. 8. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

16 Section 437(f)(9)(B) of the Social Security Act (42
17 U.S.C. 629g(f)(9)(B)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (ii);

19 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause
20 (iii) and inserting a semicolon; and

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

22 “(iv) how the grants made under this
23 subsection have contributed to the evidence
24 base for serving families in, or at risk of
25 entering, the child welfare system who are
26 affected by substance use disorders;

1 “(v) whether any programs funded by
2 the grants were submitted to the clearing-
3 house established under section 476(d) for
4 review and the results of any such review;

5 “(vi) which evidence-based practices
6 were fully implemented through the use of
7 grants made under this subsection;

8 “(vii) any changes in programs or
9 practices that led to positive outcomes for
10 the population of children and families
11 served, resulting from the use of grants
12 made under this subsection; and

13 “(viii) the extent to which activities
14 pursuant to this subsection are meeting
15 the needs of child welfare families affected
16 by substance use disorders.”.

17 **SEC. 9. REFERENCES TO “SUBSTANCE ABUSE” CHANGED**
18 **TO “SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER”.**

19 Section 437(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
20 629g(f)) is amended—

21 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “SUB-
22 STANCE ABUSE” and inserting “SUBSTANCE USE
23 DISORDER”;

24 (2) by striking “substance abuse” each place it
25 appears in paragraphs (1), (2)(C)(iv), (4)(A),

1 (4)(B)(iii), (4)(E), and (5)(F) and inserting “sub-
2 stance use disorder”;

3 (3) in paragraph 2(A)(ii), by striking “sub-
4 stance abuse prevention and treatment” and insert-
5 ing “substance use prevention, treatment, and recov-
6 ery services”;

7 (4) in paragraph (7)(A), by striking “substance
8 abuse by” and inserting “substance use disorder af-
9 flicting”;

10 (5) in paragraph (9)(B)(iii), by striking “sub-
11 stance abuse problems” and inserting “problems re-
12 lated to substance use disorder”;

13 (6) by striking “abuse” each place it appears in
14 paragraphs (5)(A) and (7)(D) and inserting “use”;
15 and

16 (7) in paragraph (7)(B), by striking “abuse”
17 and inserting “disorder”.

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