

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1603

To amend the Public Health Service Act to increase vaccination rates of pregnant and postpartum individuals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2023

Mr. KAINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Maternal Vaccinations
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MATERNAL VACCINATION AWARENESS AND EQUITY**

7 **CAMPAIGN.**

8 (a) CAMPAIGN.—Section 313 of the Public Health
9 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 245) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and among
2 pregnant and postpartum individuals,” after “low
3 rates of vaccination,”;

4 (2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “prenatal
5 and pediatric” and inserting “prenatal, obstetric,
6 and pediatric”;

7 (3) in subsection (d)(4)(B), by inserting “preg-
8 nant and postpartum individuals and” after “includ-
9 ing”; and

10 (4) in subsection (g), by striking “\$15,000,000
11 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025” and in-
12 serting “\$17,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
13 through 2028”.

14 (b) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Section 317(k)(1)(E)
15 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
16 247b(k)(1)(E)) is amended—

17 (1) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the end;
18 and

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

20 “(vii) increase vaccination rates of
21 pregnant and postpartum individuals, in-
22 cluding individuals from racial and ethnic
23 minority groups, and their children; and”.

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