

116TH CONGRESS
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S. 1647

To amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23 (legislative day, MAY 22), 2019

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Supporting Family-
5 to-Family Health Information Centers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that family-to-family health informa-
8 tion centers—

1 (1) assist families of children with disabilities
2 or special health care needs to improve the well-
3 being of children;

4 (2) provide information to families regarding
5 resources available to help children with disabilities
6 or special health care needs;

7 (3) work with representatives of health care or-
8 ganizations to facilitate collaboration between fami-
9 lies of such children and professionals and organiza-
10 tions in the health care system;

11 (4) since fiscal year 2007, the first year the
12 Secretary of Health and Human Services began to
13 develop and support such centers, they have spread
14 to the extent that family-to-family information cen-
15 ters now operate in all 50 States; and

16 (5) since fiscal year 2018, these centers have
17 been, and continue to be, developed in the territories
18 and for Indian tribes.

19 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION FOR FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH IN-**
20 **FORMATION CENTERS.**

21 Section 501(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
22 701(c)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)(vii), by striking “and
24 2019” and inserting “through 2024”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking “fiscal
2 years 2018 and 2019” and inserting “fiscal year
3 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter”.

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