

118TH CONGRESS
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S. 2246

To authorize the appropriation of funds to the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on barriers to gender-affirming care.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2023

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Gender-Affirming Care
5 Access Research for Equity Act” or the “Gender-Affirm-
6 ing CARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR RESEARCH BY NIH AND CDC ON BAR-**
2 **RIERS TO GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE.**

3 There is authorized to be appropriated to each of the
4 National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease
5 Control and Prevention \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal
6 years 2024 through 2029 for the purpose of conducting
7 or supporting research on barriers to gender-affirming
8 care, and the impact of those barriers on health outcomes,
9 under the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et
10 seq.). The amounts authorized to be appropriated by the
11 preceding sentence are in addition to any other amounts
12 authorized to be appropriated for such purpose.

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