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To establish an interactive online dashboard to improve public access to information about grant funding related to mental health and substance use disorder programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. SMITH) 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 “Achieving Thorough
5 Transparency and Accessibility for Information Naviga-
6 tion on Mental Health Act of 2023” or the “ATTAIN
7 Mental Health Act”.

8 **SEC. 2. INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services (referred to in this sec-
4 tion as the “Secretary”) shall establish and operate
5 an interactive, internet website-based dashboard (re-
6 ferred to in this section as the “dashboard”) that
7 improves public access to information about Federal
8 grants related to mental health and substance use
9 disorder, including for potential applicants for such
10 grants.

11 (2) DESIGN.—The dashboard shall be designed
12 in a manner that complies with the Americans with
13 Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

14 (3) CONSULTATION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—In establishing the
16 dashboard under paragraph (1), the Secretary
17 may consult with—

18 (i) the Director of the National Insti-
19 tutes of Health, the Assistant Secretary
20 for Mental Health and Substance Use, the
21 Director of the Indian Health Service, the
22 Administrator of the Health Resources and
23 Services Administration, the Secretary of
24 Education, the Attorney General, the Sec-
25 retary of Housing and Urban Develop-

1 ment, the Secretary of Labor, the Sec-
2 retary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of
3 Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity, and heads of other relevant agencies,
5 as the Secretary determines appropriate;

6 (ii) Indian Tribes and Tribal organi-
7 zations (as defined in section 4 of the In-
8 dian Self-Determination and Education
9 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)); and

10 (iii) relevant entities who may use the
11 dashboard, including—

12 (I) elementary or secondary
13 schools; institutions of higher edu-
14 cation, including historically Black
15 colleges and universities (as defined
16 for purposes of section 322 of the
17 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
18 U.S.C. 1061), Tribal colleges or uni-
19 versities (as defined in section 316(b)
20 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
21 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)), and other mi-
22 nority-serving institutions, as such in-
23 stitutions are described in section
24 371(a) of the Higher Education Act
25 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q); local edu-

1 cational agencies (as defined in sec-
2 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
3 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 7801); State educational agen-
5 cies (as defined in such section 8101);
6 nonprofit organizations; faith or com-
7 munity-based organizations; clinical
8 researchers; mental health and sub-
9 stance use disorder care providers;
10 mental health and substance use dis-
11 order prevention, treatment, and re-
12 covery programs and facilities; hous-
13 ing services; municipal governments;
14 law enforcement agencies; first re-
15 sponders; drug courts; mental health
16 courts; veterans treatment courts;
17 health programs administered directly
18 by the Indian Health Service; Tribal
19 health programs; Urban Indian orga-
20 nizations (as defined in section 4 of
21 the Indian Health Care Improvement
22 Act (25 U.S.C. 1603); and Native
23 Hawaiian organizations (as defined in
24 section 12(5) of the Native Hawaiian

1 Health Care Improvement Act (42
2 U.S.C. 11711(5)); and

3 (II) any other entities that the
4 Secretary determines are relevant.

5 (B) TOPICS.—The consultation with stake-
6 holders and entities described in subparagraph
7 (A)(ii) shall be with respect to elements of the
8 dashboard, such as search functions, grant
9 data, user-friendly design, and any other ele-
10 ments that the Secretary determines are appro-
11 priate for purposes of this subsection.

12 (4) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—The Secretary,
13 in consultation with representatives of relevant agen-
14 cies described in paragraph (3)(A), shall, not later
15 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
16 Act, publicly issue a plan to launch the dashboard,
17 including opportunities to improve upon existing
18 publicly accessible websites that may be updated by
19 the Secretary to meet the requirements under sub-
20 section (c).

21 (b) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall continually main-
22 tain the dashboard established under subsection (a) to
23 keep all relevant, current grant opportunities posted.

1 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The dashboard established
2 under subsection (a) shall, at a minimum, meet the fol-
3 lowing requirements:

4 (1) Provide the following information:

5 (A) The name of each Federal grant pro-
6 gram and, if different, the name of each associ-
7 ated State grant program, as available, that is
8 designated for, or which allows an expenditure
9 for, activities for the purposes of mental health
10 or substance use disorder prevention, treat-
11 ment, recovery, or support.

12 (B) With respect to the current fiscal year,
13 for each program for which subgrants are not
14 available, indicate whether applications for the
15 Federal grant application period is open, closed
16 or awarded, and the opening, closing, and
17 award dates.

18 (C) For each program for which amounts
19 have been awarded to States for the current fis-
20 cal year with respect to a block grant described
21 in subsection (d)(2), include, as available,
22 whether the relevant application period for a
23 subgrant remains open, has closed, or been
24 awarded at the State level, and whether there
25 will be a new subgrant competition during the

1 current fiscal year, if such information is avail-
2 able from the applicable State in a manner that
3 allows for integration of such information into
4 the dashboard or for links to such information
5 within the dashboard.

6 (2) For purposes of assisting applicants in iden-
7 tifying programs included in the dashboard, include
8 the following information with respect to each pro-
9 gram listed:

10 (A) Any associated authorization, report,
11 appropriation, agency program, grant number,
12 or other information that the Secretary deter-
13 mines to be useful in identifying the program.

14 (B) Any subgrant name used by a State,
15 if different than the associated Federal pro-
16 gram, if known by the Secretary.

17 (3) Allow potential grant applicants to search
18 the dashboard by key categories and location, if ap-
19 plicable, for which grants are available.

20 (4) Provide, as appropriate, access or links to
21 the respective program information pages and online
22 applications.

23 (d) ACCEPTANCE AND INTEGRATION OF STATE PRO-
24 VIDED DATA.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may deter-
2 mine how to accept and integrate into the dashboard
3 information voluntarily submitted by States that is
4 relevant to the purposes of such dashboard, as de-
5 scribed subsection (a)(1).

6 (2) BLOCK GRANTS.—In the case of mental
7 health and substance use disorder resources made
8 available through Federal block grants to States and
9 Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations (as defined
10 in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and
11 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), or
12 Federal funding for which a specific recipient is not
13 identified prior to its distribution to a State or In-
14 dian Tribe or Tribal organization, the Secretary may
15 establish a method for States and Indian Tribes and
16 Tribal organizations to voluntarily identify how Fed-
17 eral grants will be or were distributed, including
18 grant names and internet website links, if different.

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