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S. 455

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for Federal Exchange outreach and educational activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. Kaine) 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 “Marketing and Out-
5 reach Restoration to Empower Health Education Act of
6 2019” or the “MORE Health Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL EXCHANGE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION-**
2 **AL ACTIVITIES.**

3 Section 1321(c) of the Patient Protection and Afford-
4 able Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18041(c)) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(3) OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVI-
7 TIES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an Ex-
9 change established or operated by the Secretary
10 within a State pursuant to this subsection, the
11 Secretary shall carry out outreach and edu-
12 cational activities for purposes of informing po-
13 tential enrollees in qualified health plans offered
14 through the Exchange of the availability of cov-
15 erage under such plans and financial assistance
16 for coverage under such plans. Such outreach
17 and educational activities shall be provided in a
18 manner that is culturally and linguistically ap-
19 propriate to the needs of the populations being
20 served by the Exchange (including hard-to-
21 reach populations, such as racial and sexual mi-
22 norities, limited English proficient populations,
23 and young adults).

24 “(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No
25 funds appropriated under this paragraph may
26 be used for expenditures for promoting health

1 insurance coverage that does not meet Federal
2 patient protection standards, as defined in sub-
3 paragraph (C).

4 “(C) FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION
5 STANDARDS.—For purposes of subparagraph
6 (B), ‘health insurance coverage that does not
7 meet Federal patient protection standards’
8 means any health insurance coverage that is not
9 a qualified health plan, as defined in section
10 1301. Such coverage that does not meet Fed-
11 eral patient protection standards includes asso-
12 ciation health plans and short-term, limited-du-
13 ration insurance plans.

14 “(D) FUNDING.—Out of any funds in the
15 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are
16 hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2020 and
17 each subsequent fiscal year, \$100,000,000 to
18 carry out this paragraph. Funds appropriated
19 under this subparagraph shall remain available
20 until expended.”.

21 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

22 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
23 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
24 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
25 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this

1 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
2 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
3 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
4 vote on passage.

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