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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Newborn Screening
5 Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED NEWBORN AND CHILD SCREENING AND**
2 **FOLLOW-UP FOR HERITABLE DISORDERS.**

3 (a) PURPOSES.—Section 1109(a) of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–8(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “enhance, im-
6 prove or” and inserting “facilitate, enhance, im-
7 prove, or”;

8 (2) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-
9 lows:

10 “(3) to develop, and deliver to parents, families,
11 and patient advocacy and support groups, edu-
12 cational programs that—

13 “(A) address newborn screening coun-
14 seling, testing (including newborn screening
15 pilot studies), follow-up, treatment, specialty
16 services, and long-term care;

17 “(B) assess the target audience’s current
18 knowledge, incorporate health communications
19 strategies, and measure impact; and

20 “(C) are at appropriate literacy levels;”;
21 and

22 (3) in paragraph (4)—

23 (A) by striking “followup” and inserting
24 “follow-up”; and

25 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
26 the end the following: “, including re-engaging

1 patients who have not received recommended
2 follow-up services and supports”.

3 (b) APPROVAL FACTORS.—Section 1109(c) of the
4 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–8(c)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “or will use” and inserting “will
7 use”; and

8 (2) by inserting “, or will use amounts received
9 under such grant to enhance capacity and infra-
10 structure to facilitate the adoption of,” before “the
11 guidelines and recommendations”.

12 **SEC. 3. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITABLE DISORDERS**
13 **IN NEWBORNS AND CHILDREN.**

14 Section 1111 of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 300b–10) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (5), by inserting “and
18 adopt process improvements” after “take ap-
19 propriate steps”;

20 (B) in paragraph (7) by striking “and” at
21 the end;

22 (C) by redesignating paragraph (8) as
23 paragraph (9);

24 (D) by inserting after paragraph (7) the
25 following:

1 “(8) develop, maintain, and publish on a pub-
2 licly accessible website consumer-friendly materials
3 detailing—

4 “(A) the uniform screening panel nomina-
5 tion process, including data requirements,
6 standards, and the use of international data in
7 nomination submissions; and

8 “(B) the process for obtaining technical as-
9 sistance for submitting nominations to the uni-
10 form screening panel and detailing the in-
11 stances in which the provision of technical as-
12 sistance would introduce a conflict of interest
13 for members of the Advisory Committee; and”;

14 (E) in paragraph (9), as redesignated—

15 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
16 (K) and (L) as subparagraphs (L) and
17 (M), respectively; and

18 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
19 (J) the following:

20 “(K) the appropriate and recommended
21 use of safe and effective genetic testing by
22 health care professionals in newborns and chil-
23 dren with an initial diagnosis of a disease or
24 condition characterized by a variety of genetic
25 causes and manifestations;” and

1 (2) in subsection (g)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “2019”

3 and inserting “2030”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “2019”

5 and inserting “2030”.

6 **SEC. 4. CLEARINGHOUSE OF NEWBORN SCREENING INFOR-**
7 **MATION.**

8 Section 1112(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300b–11(c)) is amended by striking “and supple-
10 ment, not supplant, existing information sharing efforts”
11 and inserting “and complement other Federal newborn
12 screening information sharing activities”.

13 **SEC. 5. LABORATORY QUALITY AND SURVEILLANCE.**

14 Section 1113 of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 300b–12) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by striking “performance evalua-
19 tion services,” and inserting “development
20 of new screening tests,”; and

21 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) by striking “performance test ma-
24 terials” and inserting “test performance
25 materials”; and

1 (ii) by striking the period at the end
2 and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) performance evaluation services to enhance
5 disease detection, including the development of tools,
6 resources, and infrastructure to improve data anal-
7 ysis, test result interpretation, data harmonization,
8 and dissemination of laboratory best practices.”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 “(b) SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary,
11 acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease
12 Control and Prevention, and taking into consideration the
13 expertise of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Dis-
14 orders in Newborns and Children established under sec-
15 tion 1111, shall provide for the coordination of national
16 surveillance activities, including—

17 “(1) standardizing data collection and reporting
18 through the use of electronic and other forms of
19 health records to achieve real-time data for tracking
20 and monitoring the newborn screening system, from
21 the initial positive screen through diagnosis and
22 long-term care management; and

23 “(2) by promoting data sharing linkages be-
24 tween State newborn screening programs and State-
25 based birth defects and developmental disabilities

1 surveillance programs to help families connect with
2 services to assist in evaluating long-term outcomes.”.

3 **SEC. 6. HUNTER KELLY RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1116 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300b–15) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

7 (A) by striking “may” and inserting
8 “shall”; and

9 (B) in subparagraph (D)—

10 (i) by inserting “, or with a high prob-
11 ability of being recommended by,” after
12 “recommended by”; and

13 (ii) by striking “that screenings are
14 ready for nationwide implementation” and
15 inserting “that reliable newborn screening
16 technologies are piloted and ready for
17 use”; and

18 (2) in subsection (b) to read as follows:

19 “(b) FUNDING.—In carrying out the research pro-
20 gram under this section, the Secretary and the Director
21 shall ensure that entities receiving funding through the
22 program will provide assurances, as practicable, that such
23 entities will work in consultation with State departments
24 of health, as appropriate.”.

1 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEW-**
2 **BORN SCREENING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVI-**
3 **TIES.**

4 Section 1117 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300b–16) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by striking “\$11,900,000” and insert-
8 ing “\$20,883,000”;

9 (B) by striking “2015” and inserting
10 “2026”; and

11 (C) by striking “2019” and inserting
12 “2030”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) by striking “\$8,000,000” and inserting
15 “\$22,250,000”;

16 (B) by striking “2015” and inserting
17 “2026”; and

18 (C) by striking “2019” and inserting
19 “2030”.

20 **SEC. 8. INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARDS; ETHICS GUID-**
21 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

22 Section 12 of the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Re-
23 authorization Act of 2014 (42 U.S.C. 289 note) is amend-
24 ed to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 12. INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARDS; ETHICS GUID-**
2 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

3 “Research on nonidentified newborn dried blood spots
4 shall be considered secondary research (as that term is
5 defined in section 46.104(d)(4) of title 45, Code of Federal
6 Regulations (or successor regulations)) with nonidentified
7 biospecimens for purposes of federally funded research
8 conducted pursuant to the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 200 et seq.).”.