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To establish a program for an information clearinghouse to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) 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 “Automatic
5 Defibrillation in Adam’s Memory Act”, or the “ADAM
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress makes the following findings:

9 (1) Heart disease is the leading cause of death
10 in the United States.

1 (2) 220,000 Americans die each year of sudden
2 cardiac arrest.

3 (3) The American Heart Association estimates
4 that the lives of 50,000 cardiac arrest victims could
5 be saved each year through initiating a course of ac-
6 tion known as the chain of survival.

7 (4) The chain of survival includes prompt noti-
8 fication of emergency services and early
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (referred to in this
10 Act as “CPR”), defibrillation, and advanced cardiac
11 life support.

12 (5) An important part of United States school
13 children’s education is learning healthy behaviors,
14 including proper nutrition and physical activity. This
15 health education should also include basic emergency
16 lifesaving skills.

17 (6) Incorporating these lifesaving training pro-
18 grams into the health curriculum of elementary and
19 secondary schools will give school children these
20 skills.

21 (7) Project Automatic Defibrillation in Adam’s
22 Memory (ADAM) has been successful in fostering
23 awareness of the potential for cardiac arrest in the
24 childhood and adolescent population, encouraging
25 improvement of screening procedures, and facili-

1 tating the training of high school staff and students
2 in CPR and the use of automatic external
3 defibrillators (referred to in this Act as “AED”).

4 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ACCESS TO DEFIBRILLATION.**

5 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
6 Health and Human Services shall award a grant to an
7 organization to establish national information clearing-
8 house that provides information to increase public access
9 to defibrillation in schools.

10 (b) DUTIES.—The health care organization that re-
11 ceives a grant under this section shall promote public ac-
12 cess to defibrillation in schools by—

13 (1) providing timely information to entities re-
14 garding public access defibrillation program imple-
15 mentation and development;

16 (2) developing and providing comprehensive
17 program materials to establish a public access
18 defibrillation program in schools;

19 (3) providing support to CPR and AED train-
20 ing programs;

21 (4) fostering new and existing community part-
22 nerships with and among public and private organi-
23 zations (such as local educational agencies, nonprofit
24 organizations, public health organizations, emer-
25 gency medical service providers, fire and police de-

1 partments, and parent-teacher associations) to pro-
2 mote public access to defibrillation in schools;

3 (5) establishing a data base to gather informa-
4 tion in a central location regarding sudden cardiac
5 arrest in the pediatric population and identifying or
6 conducting further research into the problem; and

7 (6) providing assistance to communities that
8 wish to develop screening programs for at risk
9 youth.

10 (c) APPLICATION.—A health care organization desir-
11 ing a grant under this section shall submit an application
12 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accom-
13 panied by such information as the Secretary may reason-
14 ably require.

15 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after receipt
16 of a grant under this section, the health care organization
17 that receives such grant shall prepare and submit to the
18 Secretary of Health and Human Services a report that
19 describes activities carried out with funds received under
20 this section. Not later than 3 months after receipt of such
21 report, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
22 prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
23 gress an evaluation that reviews such report and evaluates
24 the success of such clearinghouse.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From
2 funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2002
3 through 2006 for activities and programs under the De-
4 partment of Health and Human Services, \$800,000 of
5 such funds may be appropriated to carry out the programs
6 described in this Act for each of the fiscal years 2002
7 through 2006.

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