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To amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. BURGESS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

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 “Trauma Care Systems
5 Planning and Development Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 Section 1201 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 300d) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 1201. ESTABLISHMENT.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, with respect
3 to trauma care—

4 “(1) conduct and support research, training,
5 evaluations, and demonstration projects;

6 “(2) foster the development of appropriate,
7 modern systems of such care through the sharing of
8 information among agencies and individuals involved
9 in the study and provision of such care;

10 “(3) collect, compile, and disseminate informa-
11 tion on the achievements of, and problems experi-
12 enced by, State and local agencies and private enti-
13 ties in providing trauma care and emergency medical
14 services and, in so doing, give special consideration
15 to the unique needs of rural areas;

16 “(4) provide to State and local agencies tech-
17 nical assistance to enhance each State’s capability to
18 develop, implement, and sustain the trauma care
19 component of each State’s plan for the provision of
20 emergency medical services;

21 “(5) sponsor workshops and conferences; and

22 “(6) promote the collection and categorization
23 of trauma data in a consistent and standardized
24 manner.

25 “(b) GRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, AND
26 CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may make grants, and enter

1 into cooperative agreements and contracts, for the purpose
2 of carrying out subsection (a).”.

3 **SEC. 3. CLEARINGHOUSE ON TRAUMA CARE AND EMER-**
4 **GENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

5 The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et
6 seq.) is amended—

7 (1) by striking section 1202; and

8 (2) by redesignating section 1203 as section
9 1202.

10 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS FOR IMPROVING**
11 **TRAUMA CARE IN RURAL AREAS.**

12 Section 1202 of the Public Health Service Act, as re-
13 designated by section 3(2), is amended to read as follows:

14 **“SEC. 1202. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS FOR IMPROV-**
15 **ING TRAUMA CARE IN RURAL AREAS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
17 to public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose of
18 carrying out research and demonstration projects with re-
19 spect to improving the availability and quality of emer-
20 gency medical services in rural areas—

21 “(1) by developing innovative uses of commu-
22 nications technologies and the use of new commu-
23 nications technology;

24 “(2) by developing model curricula, such as ad-
25 vanced trauma life support, for training emergency

1 medical services personnel, including first respond-
2 ers, emergency medical technicians, emergency
3 nurses and physicians, and paramedics—

4 “(A) in the assessment, stabilization, treat-
5 ment, preparation for transport, and resuscita-
6 tion of seriously injured patients, with special
7 attention to problems that arise during long
8 transports and to methods of minimizing delays
9 in transport to the appropriate facility; and

10 “(B) in the management of the operation
11 of the emergency medical services system;

12 “(3) by making training for original certifi-
13 cation, and continuing education, in the provision
14 and management of emergency medical services
15 more accessible to emergency medical personnel in
16 rural areas through telecommunications, home stud-
17 ies, providing teachers and training at locations ac-
18 cessible to such personnel, and other methods;

19 “(4) by developing innovative protocols and
20 agreements to increase access to prehospital care
21 and equipment necessary for the transportation of
22 seriously injured patients to the appropriate facili-
23 ties;

1 Administration, may make grants to States, political sub-
2 divisions, or consortia of States or political subdivisions
3 for the purpose of improving access to and enhancing the
4 development of trauma care systems.

5 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may make a
6 grant under this section only if the applicant agrees to
7 use the grant—

8 “(1) to integrate and broaden the reach of a
9 trauma care system, such as by developing innova-
10 tive protocols to increase access to prehospital care;

11 “(2) to strengthen, develop, and improve an ex-
12 isting trauma care system;

13 “(3) to expand communications between the
14 trauma care system and emergency medical services
15 through improved equipment or a telemedicine sys-
16 tem;

17 “(4) to improve data collection and retention;
18 or

19 “(5) to increase education, training, and tech-
20 nical assistance opportunities, such as training and
21 continuing education in the management of emer-
22 gency medical services accessible to emergency med-
23 ical personnel in rural areas through telehealth,
24 home studies, and other methods.

1 “(c) PREFERENCE.—In selecting among States, po-
2 litical subdivisions, and consortia of States or political
3 subdivisions for purposes of making grants under this sec-
4 tion, the Secretary shall give preference to applicants
5 that—

6 “(1) have developed a process, using national
7 standards, for designating trauma centers;

8 “(2) recognize protocols for the delivery of seri-
9 ously injured patients to trauma centers;

10 “(3) implement a process for evaluating the
11 performance of the trauma system; and

12 “(4) agree to participate in information systems
13 described in section 1202 by collecting, providing,
14 and sharing information.

15 “(d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this sec-
16 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to applicants that
17 will use the grants to focus on improving access to trauma
18 care systems.

19 “(e) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding grants
20 under this section, the Secretary shall give special consid-
21 eration to projects that demonstrate strong State or local
22 support, including availability of non-Federal contribu-
23 tions.”.

1 **SEC. 6. REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR FISCAL**
2 **YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST FISCAL YEAR**
3 **OF PAYMENTS.**

4 Section 1212 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300d–12) is amended to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 1212. REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR FIS-**
7 **CAL YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST FISCAL**
8 **YEAR OF PAYMENTS.**

9 “(a) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not
11 make payments under section 1211(a) unless the
12 State involved agrees, with respect to the costs de-
13 scribed in paragraph (2), to make available non-Fed-
14 eral contributions (in cash or in kind under sub-
15 section (b)(1)) toward such costs in an amount
16 that—

17 “(A) for the second and third fiscal years
18 of such payments to the State, is not less than
19 \$1 for each \$1 of Federal funds provided in
20 such payments for such fiscal years; and

21 “(B) for the fourth and subsequent fiscal
22 years of such payments to the State, is not less
23 than \$2 for each \$1 of Federal funds provided
24 in such payments for such fiscal years.

1 The Secretary may not require any non-Federal con-
2 tributions for the first fiscal year of such payments
3 to the State.

4 “(2) PROGRAM COSTS.—The costs referred to
5 in paragraph (1) are—

6 “(A) the costs to be incurred by the State
7 in carrying out the purpose described in section
8 1211(b); or

9 “(B) the costs of improving the quality
10 and availability of emergency medical services
11 in rural areas of the State.

12 “(3) INITIAL YEAR OF PAYMENTS.—The Sec-
13 retary may not require a State to make non-Federal
14 contributions as a condition of receiving payments
15 under section 1211(a) for the first fiscal year of
16 such payments to the State.

17 “(b) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF NON-FED-
18 ERAL CONTRIBUTION.—With respect to compliance with
19 subsection (a) as a condition of receiving payments under
20 section 1211(a)—

21 “(1) a State may make the non-Federal con-
22 tributions required in such subsection in cash or in
23 kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or
24 services; and

1 “(2) specifies a public or private entity that will
2 designate trauma care regions and trauma centers in
3 the State;

4 “(3) subject to subsection (b), contains national
5 standards and requirements of the American College
6 of Surgeons or another appropriate entity for the
7 designation of level I and level II trauma centers,
8 and in the case of rural areas level III trauma cen-
9 ters (including trauma centers with specified capa-
10 bilities and expertise in the care of pediatric trauma
11 patient), by such entity, including standards and re-
12 quirements for—

13 “(A) the number and types of trauma pa-
14 tients for whom such centers must provide care
15 in order to ensure that such centers will have
16 sufficient experience and expertise to be able to
17 provide quality care for victims of injury;

18 “(B) the resources and equipment needed
19 by such centers; and

20 “(C) the availability of rehabilitation serv-
21 ices for trauma patients;

22 “(4) contains standards and requirements for
23 the implementation of regional trauma care systems,
24 including standards and guidelines (consistent with
25 the provisions of section 1867 of the Social Security

1 Act) for medically directed triage and transportation
2 of trauma patients (including patients injured in
3 rural areas) prior to care in designated trauma cen-
4 ters;

5 “(5) subject to subsection (b), contains national
6 standards and requirements, including those of the
7 American Academy of Pediatrics and the American
8 College of Emergency Physicians, for medically di-
9 rected triage and transport of severely injured chil-
10 dren to designated trauma centers with specified ca-
11 pabilities and expertise in the care of the pediatric
12 trauma patient;

13 “(6) utilizes a program with procedures for the
14 evaluation of designated trauma centers (including
15 trauma centers described in paragraph (5)) and
16 trauma care systems;

17 “(7) provides for the establishment and collec-
18 tion of data in accordance with data collection re-
19 quirements developed in consultation with surgical,
20 medical, and nursing specialty groups, State and
21 local emergency medical services directors, and other
22 trained professionals in trauma care, from each des-
23 ignated trauma center in the State of a central data
24 reporting and analysis system—

1 “(A) to identify the number of severely in-
2 jured trauma patients and the number of
3 deaths from trauma within trauma care sys-
4 tems in the State;

5 “(B) to identify the cause of the injury
6 and any factors contributing to the injury;

7 “(C) to identify the nature and severity of
8 the injury;

9 “(D) to monitor trauma patient care (in-
10 cluding prehospital care) in each designated
11 trauma center within regional trauma care sys-
12 tems in the State (including relevant emer-
13 gency-department discharges and rehabilitation
14 information) for the purpose of evaluating the
15 diagnosis, treatment, and treatment outcome of
16 such trauma patients;

17 “(E) to identify the total amount of un-
18 compensated trauma care expenditures for each
19 fiscal year by each designated trauma center in
20 the State; and

21 “(F) to identify patients transferred within
22 a regional trauma system, including reasons for
23 such transfer and the outcomes of such pa-
24 tients;

1 “(8) provides for the use of procedures by para-
2 medics and emergency medical technicians to assess
3 the severity of the injuries incurred by trauma pa-
4 tients;

5 “(9) provides for appropriate transportation
6 and transfer policies to ensure the delivery of pa-
7 tients to designated trauma centers and other facili-
8 ties within and outside of the jurisdiction of such
9 system, including policies to ensure that only indi-
10 viduals appropriately identified as trauma patients
11 are transferred to designated trauma centers, and to
12 provide periodic reviews of the transfers and the au-
13 diting of such transfers that are determined to be
14 appropriate;

15 “(10) conducts public education activities con-
16 cerning injury prevention and obtaining access to
17 trauma care;

18 “(11) coordinates planning for trauma systems
19 with State disaster emergency planning and bioter-
20 rorism hospital preparedness planning; and

21 “(12) with respect to the requirements estab-
22 lished in this subsection, provides for coordination
23 and cooperation between the State and any other
24 State with which the State shares any standard met-
25 ropolitan statistical area.

1 “(b) CERTAIN STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO TRAU-
2 MA CARE CENTERS AND SYSTEMS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not
4 make payments under section 1211(a) for a fiscal
5 year unless the State involved agrees that, in car-
6 rying out paragraphs (3) through (5) of subsection
7 (a), the State will adopt standards for the designa-
8 tion of trauma centers, and for triage, transfer, and
9 transportation policies, and that the State will, in
10 adopting such standards—

11 “(A) take into account national standards
12 concerning that outline resources for optimal
13 care of the injured patient;

14 “(B) consult with medical, surgical, and
15 nursing speciality groups, hospital associations,
16 emergency medical services State and local di-
17 rectors, concerned advocates and other inter-
18 ested parties;

19 “(C) conduct hearings on the proposed
20 standards after providing adequate notice to the
21 public concerning such hearing; and

22 “(D) beginning in fiscal year 2007, take
23 into account the model plan described in sub-
24 section (c).

1 “(2) QUALITY OF TRAUMA CARE.—The highest
2 quality of trauma care shall be the primary goal of
3 State standards adopted under this subsection.

4 “(3) APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.—The Sec-
5 retary may not make payments under section
6 1211(a) to a State if the Secretary determines
7 that—

8 “(A) in the case of payments for fiscal
9 year 2008 and subsequent fiscal years, the
10 State has not taken into account national
11 standards, including those of the American Col-
12 lege of Surgeons, the American College of
13 Emergency Physicians, and the American Acad-
14 emy of Pediatrics, in adopting standards under
15 this subsection; or

16 “(B) in the case of payments for fiscal
17 year 2008 and subsequent fiscal years, the
18 State has not, in adopting such standards,
19 taken into account the model plan developed
20 under subsection (c).

21 “(c) MODEL TRAUMA CARE PLAN.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
23 the date of the enactment of the Trauma Care Sys-
24 tems Planning and Development Act of 2007, the
25 Secretary shall update the model plan for the des-

1 ignation of trauma centers and for triage, transfer,
2 and transportation policies that may be adopted for
3 guidance by the State. Such plan shall—

4 “(A) take into account national standards,
5 including those of the American College of Sur-
6 geons, American College of Emergency Physi-
7 cians, and the American Academy of Pediatrics;

8 “(B) take into account existing State
9 plans;

10 “(C) be developed in consultation with
11 medical, surgical, and nursing speciality groups,
12 hospital associations, emergency medical serv-
13 ices State directors and associations, and other
14 interested parties; and

15 “(D) include standards for the designation
16 of rural health facilities and hospitals best able
17 to receive, stabilize, and transfer trauma pa-
18 tients to the nearest appropriate designated
19 trauma center, and for triage, transfer, and
20 transportation policies as they relate to rural
21 areas.

22 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—Standards described in
23 paragraph (1)(D) shall be applicable to all rural
24 areas in the State, including both non-metropolitan

1 areas and frontier areas that have populations of
2 less than 6,000 per square mile.

3 “(d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION WITH RESPECT TO**
4 **NUMBER OF DESIGNATED TRAUMA CENTERS.**—With re-
5 spect to compliance with subsection (a) as a condition of
6 the receipt of a grant under section 1211(a), such sub-
7 section may not be construed to specify the number of
8 trauma care centers designated pursuant to such sub-
9 section.”.

10 **SEC. 8. REQUIREMENT OF SUBMISSION TO SECRETARY OF**
11 **TRAUMA PLAN AND CERTAIN INFORMATION.**

12 Section 1214 of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 300d–14) is amended to read as follows:

14 **“SEC. 1214. REQUIREMENT OF SUBMISSION TO SECRETARY**
15 **OF TRAUMA PLAN AND CERTAIN INFORMA-**
16 **TION.**

17 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—For each fiscal year, the Sec-
18 retary may not make payments to a State under section
19 1211(a) unless, subject to subsection (b), the State sub-
20 mits to the Secretary the trauma care component of the
21 State plan for the provision of emergency medical services,
22 including any changes to the trauma care component and
23 any plans to address deficiencies in the trauma care com-
24 ponent.

1 “(b) INTERIM PLAN OR DESCRIPTION OF EF-
2 FORTS.—For each fiscal year, if a State has not completed
3 the trauma care component of the State plan described
4 in subsection (a), the State may provide, in lieu of such
5 completed component, an interim component or a descrip-
6 tion of efforts made toward the completion of the compo-
7 nent.

8 “(c) INFORMATION RECEIVED BY STATE REPORTING
9 AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM.—The Secretary may not make
10 payments to a State under section 1211(a) unless the
11 State agrees that the State will, not less than once each
12 year, provide to the Secretary the information received by
13 the State pursuant to section 1213(a)(7).

14 “(d) AVAILABILITY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERV-
15 ICES IN RURAL AREAS.—The Secretary may not make
16 payments to a State under section 1211(a) unless—

17 “(1) the State identifies any rural area in the
18 State for which—

19 “(A) there is no system of access to emer-
20 gency medical services through the telephone
21 number 911;

22 “(B) there is no basic life-support system;
23 or

24 “(C) there is no advanced life-support sys-
25 tem; and

1 “(2) the State submits to the Secretary a list
2 of rural areas identified pursuant to subparagraph
3 (A) or, if there are no such areas, a statement that
4 there are no such areas.”.

5 **SEC. 9. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PAYMENTS.**

6 Section 1215 of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 300d–15) is amended to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 1215. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PAYMENTS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not, except
10 as provided in subsection (b), make payments under sec-
11 tion 1211(a) for a fiscal year unless the State involved
12 agrees that the payments will not be expended—

13 “(1) for any purpose other than developing, im-
14 plementing, and monitoring the modifications re-
15 quired by section 1211(b) to be made to the State
16 plan for the provision of emergency medical services;

17 “(2) to make cash payments to intended recipi-
18 ents of services provided pursuant to this section;

19 “(3) to purchase or improve real property
20 (other than minor remodeling of existing improve-
21 ments to real property);

22 “(4) to satisfy any requirement for the expendi-
23 ture of non-Federal funds as a condition for the re-
24 ceipt of Federal funds; or

1 “(5) to provide financial assistance to any enti-
2 ty other than a public or nonprofit private entity.

3 “(b) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive a restric-
4 tion under subsection (a) only if the Secretary determines
5 that the activities outlined by the State plan submitted
6 under section 1214(a)(1) by the State involved cannot oth-
7 erwise be carried out.”.

8 **SEC. 10. REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTS BY STATES.**

9 The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et
10 seq.) is amended by striking section 1216.

11 **SEC. 11. REPORT BY SECRETARY.**

12 Section 1222 of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 300d–22) is amended to read as follows:

14 **“SEC. 1222. REPORT BY SECRETARY.**

15 “Not later than October 1, 2008, the Secretary shall
16 report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the
17 activities of the States carried out pursuant to section
18 1211. Such report shall include an assessment of the ex-
19 tent to which Federal and State efforts to develop systems
20 of trauma care and to designate trauma centers have re-
21 duced the incidence of mortality, and the incidence of per-
22 manent disability, resulting from trauma. Such report
23 may include any recommendations of the Secretary for ap-
24 propriate administrative and legislative initiatives with re-
25 spect to trauma care.”.

1 **SEC. 12. FUNDING.**

2 Section 1232 of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 300d–32) is amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 1232. FUNDING.**

5 “(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For the
6 purpose of carrying out parts A and B, there are author-
7 ized to be appropriated \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2008,
8 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, and \$8,000,000 for each
9 of the fiscal years 2010 through 2012.

10 “(b) **RESERVATION OF FUNDS.**—If the amount ap-
11 propriated under subsection (a) for a fiscal year is equal
12 to or less than \$1,000,000, such appropriation is available
13 only for making grants under part A. If the amount so
14 appropriated is greater than \$1,000,000, 50 percent of
15 such appropriation shall be made available for grants
16 under part A and 50 percent shall be made available for
17 grants under part B.

18 “(c) **ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY SECRETARY.**—

19 “(1) **GENERAL AUTHORITY.**—For the purpose
20 of carrying out part A, the Secretary shall make
21 available 10 percent of the amounts appropriated for
22 a fiscal year under subsection (a).

23 “(2) **RURAL GRANTS.**—For the purpose of car-
24 rying out section 1202, the Secretary shall make
25 available 10 percent of the amounts appropriated for
26 a fiscal year under subsection (a).”.

1 **SEC. 13. INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE STUDY.**

2 Part E of title XII of the Public Health Service Act
3 (20 U.S.C. 300d–51 et seq.) is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 **“SEC. 1254. INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE STUDY.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter into
7 a contract with the Institute of Medicine of the National
8 Academy of Sciences, or another appropriate entity, to
9 conduct a study on the state of trauma care and trauma
10 research.

11 “(b) CONTENT.—The study conducted under sub-
12 section (a) shall—

13 “(1) examine and evaluate the state of trauma
14 care and trauma systems research (including the
15 role of Federal entities in trauma research) on the
16 date of enactment of this section, and identify trauma
17 research priorities;

18 “(2) examine and evaluate the clinical effective-
19 ness of trauma care and the impact of trauma care
20 on patient outcomes, with special attention to high-
21 risk groups, such as children, the elderly, and indi-
22 viduals in rural areas;

23 “(3) examine and evaluate trauma systems de-
24 velopment and identify obstacles that prevent or
25 hinder the effectiveness of trauma systems and trauma
26 systems development;

1 “(b) IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL OF DOMESTIC
2 VIOLENCE.—The Secretary may make a grant under sub-
3 section (a) only if the applicant involved agrees that the
4 training programs under subsection (a) will provide edu-
5 cation and training in identifying and referring cases of
6 domestic violence.

7 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
8 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
9 to be appropriated \$400,000 for each of the fiscal years
10 2008 through 2012.”.

11 **SEC. 15. STATE GRANTS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.**

12 Section 1252 of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 300d–52) is amended in the section heading by
14 striking “**DEMONSTRATION**”.

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