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To provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

AUGUST 1, 2007

Reported by Mr. KENNEDY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]**A BILL**

To provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Reauthorization of the
3 Traumatic Brain Injury Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO RE-**
5 **STRUCTURING.**

6 Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating the section 393B (42
9 U.S.C. 280b–1c) relating to the use of allotments for
10 rape prevention education, as section 393A and mov-
11 ing such section so that it follows section 393;

12 (2) by redesignating existing section 393A (42
13 U.S.C. 280b–1b) relating to prevention of traumatic
14 brain injury, as section 393B; and

15 (3) by redesignating the section 393B (42
16 U.S.C. 280b–1d) relating to traumatic brain injury
17 registries, as section 393C.

18 **SEC. 3. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS OF THE**
19 **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PRE-**
20 **VENTION.**

21 (a) PREVENTION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—
22 Clause (ii) of section 393B(b)(3)(A) of the Public Health
23 Service Act, as so redesignated, (42 U.S.C. 280b–1b) is
24 amended by striking “from hospitals and trauma centers”
25 and inserting “from hospitals and emergency depart-
26 ments”.

1 (b) NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-
2 JURY SURVEILLANCE AND REGISTRIES.—Section 393C of
3 the Public Health Service Act, as so redesignated, (42
4 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**SUR-**
6 **VEILLANCE AND**” after “**NATIONAL PROGRAM**
7 **FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**”;

8 (2) by striking “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—”; and

9 (3) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
10 striking “may make grants” and all that follows
11 through “to collect data concerning—” and inserting
12 “may make grants to States or their designees to
13 develop or operate the State’s traumatic brain injury
14 surveillance system or registry to determine the inci-
15 dence and prevalence of traumatic brain injury and
16 related disability, to ensure the uniformity of report-
17 ing under such system or registry, to link individuals
18 with traumatic brain injury to services and supports,
19 and to link such individuals with academic institu-
20 tions to conduct applied research that will support
21 the development of such surveillance systems and
22 registries as may be necessary. A surveillance system
23 or registry under this section shall provide for the
24 collection of data concerning—”.

1 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

2 Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended by inserting after
4 section 393C the following:

5 **“SEC. 393C-1. STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

6 “(a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary, acting through the Di-
7 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
8 with respect to paragraph (1) and the Director of the Na-
9 tional Institutes of Health with respect to paragraphs (2)
10 and (3), shall conduct a study with respect to traumatic
11 brain injury for the purpose of carrying out the following:

12 “(1) In collaboration with appropriate State
13 and local health-related agencies—

14 “(A) determining the incidence of trau-
15 matic brain injury and prevalence of traumatic
16 brain injury related disability and the clinical
17 aspects of the disability in all age groups and
18 racial and ethnic minority groups in the general
19 population of the United States, including insti-
20 tutional settings, such as nursing homes, cor-
21 rectional facilities, psychiatric hospitals, child
22 care facilities, and residential institutes for peo-
23 ple with developmental disabilities; and

24 “(B) reporting national trends in trau-
25 matic brain injury.

1 “(2) Identifying common therapeutic interven-
2 tions which are used for the rehabilitation of individ-
3 uals with such injuries, and, subject to the avail-
4 ability of information, including an analysis of—

5 “(A) the effectiveness of each such inter-
6 vention in improving the functioning, including
7 return to work or school and community par-
8 ticipation, of individuals with brain injuries;

9 “(B) the comparative effectiveness of inter-
10 ventions employed in the course of rehabilita-
11 tion of individuals with brain injuries to achieve
12 the same or similar clinical outcome; and

13 “(C) the adequacy of existing measures of
14 outcomes and knowledge of factors influencing
15 differential outcomes.

16 “(3) Identifying interventions and therapies
17 that can prevent or remediate the development of
18 secondary neurologic conditions related to traumatic
19 brain injury.

20 “(4) Developing practice guidelines for the re-
21 habilitation of traumatic brain injury at such time
22 as appropriate scientific research becomes available.

23 “(b) DATES CERTAIN FOR REPORTS.—Not later than
24 3 years after the date of the enactment of the Reauthor-
25 ization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, the Secretary

1 shall submit to the Congress a report describing findings
2 made as a result of carrying out subsection (a).

3 “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
4 term ‘traumatic brain injury’ means an acquired injury
5 to the brain. Such term does not include brain dysfunction
6 caused by congenital or degenerative disorders, nor birth
7 trauma, but may include brain injuries caused by anoxia
8 due to trauma. The Secretary may revise the definition
9 of such term as the Secretary determines necessary.”

10 **SEC. 5. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS OF THE NA-**
11 **TIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.**

12 Section 1261 of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 300d-61) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (D) of subsection (d)(4),
15 by striking “head brain injury” and inserting “brain
16 injury”; and

17 (2) in subsection (i), by inserting “, and such
18 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
19 2008 through 2011” before the period at the end.

20 **SEC. 6. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS OF THE**
21 **HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMIN-**
22 **ISTRATION.**

23 (a) STATE GRANTS FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS
24 REGARDING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—Section 1252

1 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-52) is
2 amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)—

4 (A) by striking “may make grants to
5 States” and inserting “may make grants to
6 States and American Indian consortia”; and

7 (B) by striking “health and other services”
8 and inserting “rehabilitation and other serv-
9 ices”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraphs (1), (3)(A)(i),
12 (3)(A)(iii), and (3)(A)(iv), by striking the term
13 “State” each place such term appears and in-
14 serting the term “State or American Indian
15 consortium”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “rec-
17 ommendations to the State” and inserting “rec-
18 ommendations to the State or American Indian
19 consortium”;

20 (3) in subsection (c), by striking the term
21 “State” each place such term appears and inserting
22 “State or American Indian consortium”;

23 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “A State that
24 received” and all that follows through the period and
25 inserting “A State or American Indian consortium

1 that received a grant under this section prior to the
 2 date of the enactment of the Reauthorization of the
 3 Traumatic Brain Injury Act may complete the ac-
 4 tivities funded by the grant.”;

5 (5) in subsection (f)—

6 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
 7 “AND AMERICAN INDIAN CONSORTIUM” after
 8 “STATE”;

9 (B) in paragraph (1) in the matter pre-
 10 ceeding subparagraph (A); paragraph (1)(E);
 11 paragraph (2)(A); paragraph (2)(B); paragraph
 12 (3) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A);
 13 paragraph (3)(E); and paragraph (3)(F), by
 14 striking the term “State” each place such term
 15 appears and inserting “State or American In-
 16 dian consortium”;

17 (C) in clause (ii) of paragraph (1)(A), by
 18 striking “children and other individuals” and
 19 inserting “children, youth, and adults”; and

20 (D) in subsection (h)—

21 (i) by striking “Not later than 2 years
 22 after the date of the enactment of this sec-
 23 tion, the Secretary” and inserting “Not
 24 less than bi-annually, the Secretary”; and

1 (ii) by inserting “section 1253, and
2 section 1254,” after “programs established
3 under this section,”;

4 (6) by amending subsection (i) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

7 “(1) The terms ‘American Indian consortium’
8 and ‘State’ have the meanings given to those terms
9 in section 1253.

10 “(2) The term ‘traumatic brain injury’ means
11 an acquired injury to the brain. Such term does not
12 include brain dysfunction caused by congenital or
13 degenerative disorders, nor birth trauma, but may
14 include brain injuries caused by anoxia due to near
15 drowning. The Secretary may revise the definition of
16 such term as the Secretary determines necessary,
17 after consultation with States and other appropriate
18 public or nonprofit private entities.”; and

19 (7) in subsection (j), by inserting “, and such
20 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
21 years 2008 through 2011” before the period.

22 (b) STATE GRANTS FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES.—Section 1253 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-53) is amended—
23
24

1 (1) in subsections (d) and (e), by striking the
2 term “subsection (i)” each place such term appears
3 and inserting “subsection (l)”;

4 (2) in subsection (g), by inserting “each fiscal
5 year not later than October 1,” before “the Adminis-
6 trator shall pay”;

7 (3) by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as
8 subsections (l) and (m), respectively;

9 (4) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(i) DATA COLLECTION.—The Administrator of the
12 Health Resources and Services Administration and the
13 Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental
14 Disabilities shall enter into an agreement to coordinate the
15 collection of data by the Administrator and the Commis-
16 sioner regarding protection and advocacy services.

17 “(j) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

18 “(1) GRANTS.—For any fiscal year for which
19 the amount appropriated to carry out this section is
20 \$6,000,000 or greater, the Administrator shall use 2
21 percent of such amount to make a grant to an eligi-
22 ble national association for providing for training
23 and technical assistance to protection and advocacy
24 systems.

1 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 2 ‘eligible national association’ means a national asso-
 3 ciation with demonstrated experience in providing
 4 training and technical assistance to protection and
 5 advocacy systems.

6 “(k) SYSTEM AUTHORITY.—In providing services
 7 under this section, a protection and advocacy system shall
 8 have the same authorities, including access to records, as
 9 such system would have for purposes of providing services
 10 under subtitle C of the Developmental Disabilities Assist-
 11 ance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.”; and

12 (5) in subsection (4) (as redesignated by this
 13 subsection) by striking “2005” and inserting
 14 “2011”.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “Reauthorization of the*
 17 *Traumatic Brain Injury Act”.*

18 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO RE-**

19 **STRUCTURING.**

20 *Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act*
 21 *(42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended—*

22 (1) by redesignating the section 393B (42 U.S.C.
 23 280b–1c) relating to the use of allotments for rape
 24 prevention education, as section 393A and moving
 25 such section so that it follows section 393;

1 (2) by redesignating existing section 393A (42
2 U.S.C. 280b–1b) relating to prevention of traumatic
3 brain injury, as section 393B; and

4 (3) by redesignating the section 393B (42 U.S.C.
5 280b–1d) relating to traumatic brain injury reg-
6 istries, as section 393C.

7 **SEC. 3. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS OF THE CEN-**
8 **TERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVEN-**
9 **TION.**

10 (a) *PREVENTION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.*—
11 Clause (ii) of section 393B(b)(3)(A) of the Public Health
12 Service Act, as so redesignated, (42 U.S.C. 280b–1b) is
13 amended by striking “from hospitals and trauma centers”
14 and inserting “from hospitals and emergency departments”.

15 (b) *NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-*
16 *JURY SURVEILLANCE AND REGISTRIES.*—Section 393C of
17 the Public Health Service Act, as so redesignated, (42
18 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended—

19 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**SUR-**
20 **VEILLANCE AND**” after “**NATIONAL PROGRAM**
21 **FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**”; and

22 (2) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
23 paragraph (1), by striking “may make grants” and
24 all that follows through “to collect data concerning—
25 ” and inserting “may make grants to States or their

1 *designees to develop or operate the State’s traumatic*
2 *brain injury surveillance system or registry to deter-*
3 *mine the incidence and prevalence of traumatic brain*
4 *injury and related disability, to ensure the uni-*
5 *formity of reporting under such system or registry, to*
6 *link individuals with traumatic brain injury to serv-*
7 *ices and supports, and to link such individuals with*
8 *academic institutions to conduct applied research that*
9 *will support the development of such surveillance sys-*
10 *tems and registries as may be necessary. A surveil-*
11 *lance system or registry under this section shall pro-*
12 *vide for the collection of data concerning—”.*

13 *(c) REPORT.—Section 393C of the Public Health Serv-*
14 *ice Act (as so redesignated) is amended by adding at the*
15 *end the following:*

16 *“(b) Not later than 18 months after the date of enact-*
17 *ment of the Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury*
18 *Act, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Cen-*
19 *ters for Disease Control and Prevention and the Director*
20 *of the National Institutes of Health and in consultation*
21 *with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans*
22 *Affairs, shall submit to the relevant committees of Congress*
23 *a report that contains the findings derived from an evalua-*
24 *tion concerning activities and procedures that can be imple-*
25 *mented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,*

1 *the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans*
 2 *Affairs to improve the collection and dissemination of com-*
 3 *patible epidemiological studies on the incidence and preva-*
 4 *lence of traumatic brain injury in the military and vet-*
 5 *erans populations who return to civilian life. The report*
 6 *shall include recommendations on the manner in which*
 7 *such agencies can further collaborate on the development*
 8 *and improvement of traumatic brain injury diagnostic*
 9 *tools and treatments.”.*

10 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

11 *Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act*
 12 *(42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-*
 13 *tion 393C the following:*

14 **“SEC. 393C-1. STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

15 *“(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Direc-*
 16 *tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with*
 17 *respect to paragraph (1) and the Director of the National*
 18 *Institutes of Health with respect to paragraphs (2) and (3),*
 19 *shall conduct a study with respect to traumatic brain in-*
 20 *jury for the purpose of carrying out the following:*

21 *“(1) In collaboration with appropriate State and*
 22 *local health-related agencies—*

23 *“(A) determining the incidence of traumatic*
 24 *brain injury and prevalence of traumatic brain*
 25 *injury related disability and the clinical aspects*

1 *of the disability in all age groups and racial and*
2 *ethnic minority groups in the general population*
3 *of the United States, including institutional set-*
4 *tings, such as nursing homes, correctional facili-*
5 *ties, psychiatric hospitals, child care facilities,*
6 *and residential institutes for people with devel-*
7 *opmental disabilities; and*

8 *“(B) reporting national trends in traumatic*
9 *brain injury.*

10 *“(2) Identifying common therapeutic interven-*
11 *tions which are used for the rehabilitation of individ-*
12 *uals with such injuries, and, subject to the avail-*
13 *ability of information, including an analysis of—*

14 *“(A) the effectiveness of each such interven-*
15 *tion in improving the functioning, including re-*
16 *turn to work or school and community partici-*
17 *ipation, of individuals with brain injuries;*

18 *“(B) the comparative effectiveness of inter-*
19 *ventions employed in the course of rehabilitation*
20 *of individuals with brain injuries to achieve the*
21 *same or similar clinical outcome; and*

22 *“(C) the adequacy of existing measures of*
23 *outcomes and knowledge of factors influencing*
24 *differential outcomes.*

1 “(3) *Identifying interventions and therapies that*
2 *can prevent or remediate the development of sec-*
3 *ondary neurologic conditions related to traumatic*
4 *brain injury.*”

5 “(4) *Developing practice guidelines for the reha-*
6 *bilitation of traumatic brain injury at such time as*
7 *appropriate scientific research becomes available.*”

8 “(b) *DATES CERTAIN FOR REPORTS.—Not later than*
9 *3 years after the date of the enactment of the Reauthoriza-*
10 *tion of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, the Secretary shall*
11 *submit to the Congress a report describing findings made*
12 *as a result of carrying out subsection (a).*”

13 “(c) *DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the*
14 *term ‘traumatic brain injury’ means an acquired injury*
15 *to the brain. Such term does not include brain dysfunction*
16 *caused by congenital or degenerative disorders, nor birth*
17 *trauma, but may include brain injuries caused by anoxia*
18 *due to trauma including near drowning. The Secretary*
19 *may revise the definition of such term as the Secretary de-*
20 *termines necessary.*”

21 **SEC. 5. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS OF THE NA-**
22 **TIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.**

23 *Section 1261 of the Public Health Service Act (42*
24 *U.S.C. 300d–61) is amended—*

1 (1) *in subsection (b)(2), by striking “Labor and*
 2 *Human Resources” and inserting “Health, Edu-*
 3 *cation, Labor, and Pensions”;*

4 (2) *in subparagraph (D) of subsection (d)(4), by*
 5 *striking “head brain injury” and inserting “brain in-*
 6 *jury”;* and

7 (3) *in subsection (i), by inserting “, and such*
 8 *sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years*
 9 *2008 through 2011” before the period at the end.*

10 **SEC. 6. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS OF THE**
 11 **HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMIN-**
 12 **ISTRATION.**

13 (a) *STATE GRANTS FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS*
 14 *REGARDING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—Section 1252 of*
 15 *the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–52) is*
 16 *amended—*

17 (1) *in subsection (a)—*

18 (A) *by striking “may make grants to*
 19 *States” and inserting “may make grants to*
 20 *States and American Indian consortia”;* and

21 (B) *by striking “health and other services”*
 22 *and inserting “rehabilitation and other services”;*

23 (2) *in subsection (b)—*

24 (A) *in paragraphs (1), (3)(A)(i),*
 25 *(3)(A)(iii), and (3)(A)(iv), by striking the term*

1 *“State” each place such term appears and in-*
2 *serting the term “State or American Indian con-*
3 *sortium”;* and

4 *(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “rec-*
5 *ommendations to the State” and inserting “rec-*
6 *ommendations to the State or American Indian*
7 *consortium”;*

8 *(3) in subsection (c), by striking the term*
9 *“State” each place such term appears and inserting*
10 *“State or American Indian consortium”;*

11 *(4) in subsection (e), by striking “A State that*
12 *received” and all that follows through the period and*
13 *inserting “A State or American Indian consortium*
14 *that received a grant under this section prior to the*
15 *date of the enactment of the Reauthorization of the*
16 *Traumatic Brain Injury Act may complete the activi-*
17 *ties funded by the grant.”;*

18 *(5) in subsection (f)—*

19 *(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting*
20 *“AND AMERICAN INDIAN CONSORTIUM” after*
21 *“STATE”;*

22 *(B) in paragraph (1) in the matter pre-*
23 *ceding subparagraph (A), paragraph (1)(E),*
24 *paragraph (2)(A), paragraph (2)(B), paragraph*
25 *(3) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),*

1 paragraph (3)(E), and paragraph (3)(F), by
2 striking the term “State” each place such term
3 appears and inserting “State or American In-
4 dian consortium”;

5 (C) in clause (ii) of paragraph (1)(A), by
6 striking “children and other individuals” and
7 inserting “children, youth, and adults”; and

8 (D) in subsection (h)—

9 (i) by striking “Not later than 2 years
10 after the date of the enactment of this sec-
11 tion, the Secretary” and inserting “Not less
12 than biennially, the Secretary”;

13 (ii) by striking “Commerce of the
14 House of Representatives, and to the Com-
15 mittee on Labor and Human Resources”
16 and inserting “Energy and Commerce of the
17 House of Representatives, and to the Com-
18 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and
19 Pensions”; and

20 (iii) by inserting “and section 1253”
21 after “programs established under this sec-
22 tion,”;

23 (6) by amending subsection (i) to read as fol-
24 lows:

25 “(i) *DEFINITIONS.*—For purposes of this section:

1 “(1) The terms ‘American Indian consortium’
2 and ‘State’ have the meanings given to those terms in
3 section 1253.

4 “(2) The term ‘traumatic brain injury’ means
5 an acquired injury to the brain. Such term does not
6 include brain dysfunction caused by congenital or de-
7 generative disorders, nor birth trauma, but may in-
8 clude brain injuries caused by anoxia due to trauma.
9 The Secretary may revise the definition of such term
10 as the Secretary determines necessary, after consulta-
11 tion with States and other appropriate public or non-
12 profit private entities.”; and

13 (7) in subsection (j), by inserting “, and such
14 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
15 2008 through 2011” before the period.

16 (b) STATE GRANTS FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY
17 SERVICES.—Section 1253 of the Public Health Service Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 300d–53) is amended—

19 (1) in subsections (d) and (e), by striking the
20 term “subsection (i)” each place such term appears
21 and inserting “subsection (l)”;

22 (2) in subsection (g), by inserting “each fiscal
23 year not later than October 1,” before “the Adminis-
24 trator shall pay”;

1 (3) by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as
2 subsections (l) and (m), respectively;

3 (4) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(i) *DATA COLLECTION.*—*The Administrator of the*
6 *Health Resources and Services Administration and the*
7 *Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Dis-*
8 *abilities shall enter into an agreement to coordinate the col-*
9 *lection of data by the Administrator and the Commissioner*
10 *regarding protection and advocacy services.*

11 “(j) *TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.*—

12 “(1) *GRANTS.*—*For any fiscal year for which the*
13 *amount appropriated to carry out this section is*
14 *\$6,000,000 or greater, the Administrator shall use 2*
15 *percent of such amount to make a grant to an eligible*
16 *national association for providing for training and*
17 *technical assistance to protection and advocacy sys-*
18 *tems.*

19 “(2) *DEFINITION.*—*In this subsection, the term*
20 *‘eligible national association’ means a national asso-*
21 *ciation with demonstrated experience in providing*
22 *training and technical assistance to protection and*
23 *advocacy systems.*

24 “(k) *SYSTEM AUTHORITY.*—*In providing services*
25 *under this section, a protection and advocacy system shall*

1 *have the same authorities, including access to records, as*
 2 *such system would have for purposes of providing services*
 3 *under subtitle C of the Developmental Disabilities Assist-*
 4 *ance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.”; and*

5 *(5) in subsection (l) (as redesignated by this sub-*
 6 *section) by striking “2005” and inserting “2011”.*

7 **SEC. 7. GAO STUDY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE**
 8 **ARMED FORCES.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the*
 10 *United States shall conduct a national study regarding*
 11 *whether, and, if so, to what extent, members of the armed*
 12 *forces who have acquired a disability from serving in Oper-*
 13 *ation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom are*
 14 *being reintegrated into their communities. Such study shall*
 15 *specifically include an examination of factors affecting the*
 16 *reintegration of such members of the armed forces who have*
 17 *acquired a traumatic brain injury into their communities,*
 18 *including an analysis of—*

19 *(1) the unavailability of suitable employment,*
 20 *housing, and transportation;*

21 *(2) the existence, availability, and capacity of*
 22 *community care programs; and*

23 *(3) the extent to which there is coordination of*
 24 *benefits for these men and women.*

1 **(b) REPORT.**—*Not later than 180 days after the date*
2 *of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the*
3 *United States shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’*
4 *Affairs and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,*
5 *and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’*
6 *Affairs and the Committee on Education and the Workforce*
7 *of the House of Representatives, a report summarizing the*
8 *results of the study conducted under subsection (a).*

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