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# H. R. 5794

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the national strategy for combating and eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. ENGEL, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the national strategy for combating and eliminating tuberculosis, 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 “Comprehensive TB  
5 Elimination Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMBATING AND ELIMI-**  
7 **NATING TUBERCULOSIS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317E of the Public  
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–6) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
3 serting the following:

4 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary”; and

5 (B) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this  
7 subsection, the Secretary may give priority to award-  
8 ing grants to State health departments proposing to  
9 focus on the prevention, control, and elimination of  
10 tuberculosis in high-risk populations, including for-  
11 eign-born, homeless, incarcerated, HIV-tuberculosis  
12 coinfecting, and medically underserved populations.”;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (3)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (C), by redesign-  
16 ating clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I)  
17 and (II), respectively, and adjusting the  
18 margins accordingly; and

19 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
20 (A) through (F) as clauses (i) through (vi),  
21 respectively, and adjusting the margins ac-  
22 cordingly;

23 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)  
24 through (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H),

1           respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-  
2           ingly;

3           (C) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
4           (A), as so redesignated, by striking “With re-  
5           spect to” and inserting the following:

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to”; and

7           (D) by striking subparagraph (B), as so  
8           redesignated, and inserting the following:

9           “(B) Research, investigations, experiments,  
10          demonstrations, and studies in the health  
11          sciences that are related to—

12                 “(i) the development of new thera-  
13                 peutics, including vaccines and anti-  
14                 microbial drugs, to prevent and treat tu-  
15                 berculosis;

16                 “(ii) novel therapeutics for special  
17                 populations, including pediatric popu-  
18                 lations, immunosuppressed individuals, and  
19                 pregnant women;

20                 “(iii) the development or testing of  
21                 medical diagnostics to detect tuberculosis;

22                 “(iv) public health interventions to ad-  
23                 dress the epidemiology, mechanisms, and  
24                 pathogenesis of tuberculosis, such as di-

1           rectly observed therapy and non-pharma-  
2           ceutical intervention;

3           “(v) methods to enhance detection  
4           and response to outbreaks of tuberculosis,  
5           including multidrug resistant tuberculosis;  
6           and

7           “(vi) other relevant research areas.”;

8           (E) in subparagraph (C), as so redesign-  
9           nated—

10           (i) by redesignating clause (vi), as so  
11           redesignated, as clause (vii);

12           (ii) in clause (v), as so redesignated,  
13           by striking “; and” and inserting “;”; and

14           (iii) by inserting after clause (v), as so  
15           redesignated, the following:

16           “(vi) the intensification of efforts to  
17           prevent, detect, and treat latent tuber-  
18           culosis; and”;

19           (F) in subparagraph (D), as so redesign-  
20           nated, by inserting before the period the fol-  
21           lowing: “, including public awareness campaigns  
22           and development of educational, risk, and  
23           media communications.”;

24           (G) in subparagraph (F), as so redesign-  
25           nated, by striking “paragraphs (1) through

1 (4)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A) through  
2 (D)”;

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

4 “(2) SELECTION.—In carrying out the activities  
5 described in paragraph (1), the Secretary—

6 “(A) is encouraged to give priority to pro-  
7 grammatically relevant research so that new  
8 tools can be utilized in public health practice;  
9 and

10 “(B) may seek input from the Biomedical  
11 Advanced Research and Development Authority  
12 in identifying novel candidates to utilize in the  
13 efforts under this subsection to prevent, diag-  
14 nose, and control tuberculosis.”;

15 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) through (h)  
16 as subsections (d) through (i), respectively;

17 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
18 lowing—

19 “(c) GRANTS FOR COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS AND  
20 SERVICES FOR PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREAT-  
21 MENT.—

22 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through  
23 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-  
24 ices Administration, may award grants to State and  
25 local governments and Federally qualified health

1 centers for coordinating the programs and services  
2 of such States, governments, and centers to ensure  
3 timely and appropriate prevention, risk-based screen-  
4 ing, diagnosis, and treatment of latent and active tu-  
5 berculosis.

6 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
7 ‘Federally qualified health center’ has the meaning  
8 given to such term in section 1861(aa) of the Social  
9 Security Act.”;

10 (5) in subsections (d), (e), and (f), as so redesi-  
11 gnated, by striking “(a) or (b)” each place it ap-  
12 pears and inserting “(a), (b), or (c)”;

13 (6) in subsection (g)(4), as so redesignated, by  
14 adding at the end the following:

15 “(C) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-  
16 retary is encouraged to make the reports under  
17 subparagraph (A), or other publications rel-  
18 evant to domestic tuberculosis surveillance, pub-  
19 licly available on the Internet website of the  
20 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and  
21 disseminate such information to stakeholders.”;

22 (7) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

23 (A) in paragraph (1)—

24 (i) by striking “research into new  
25 tools under subsection (b)(2)” and insert-

1 ing “the research, investigations, experi-  
2 ments, demonstrations, and studies in  
3 health science under subsection (b)(1)(B)”;  
4 and

5 (ii) by inserting “ensuring access to  
6 the products developed as a result of such  
7 research, investigations, experiments, dem-  
8 onstrations, and studies and” after “advice  
9 regarding”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (3)—

11 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs  
12 (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and  
13 (F), respectively; and

14 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph  
15 (C) the following:

16 “(D) members of the Biomedical Advanced  
17 Research and Development Authority;”; and

18 (8) in subsection (i)(1)(A), as so redesignated,  
19 by striking “\$200,000,000” and all that follows  
20 through the period and inserting “\$142,200,000 for  
21 fiscal year 2018, \$195,700,000 for fiscal year 2019,  
22 \$225,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, \$236,250,000 for  
23 fiscal year 2021, \$248,062,500 for fiscal year 2022,  
24 and \$260,465,625 for fiscal year 2023.”.

1 (b) NIH TUBERCULOSIS ACTIVITIES.—Section  
2 424C(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 285b–7c(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and in-  
4 serting the following:

5 “(1) enhancing basic, clinical, and operational  
6 research on tuberculosis, including with respect to—

7 “(A) drug-resistant tuberculosis;

8 “(B) infection with tuberculosis and la-  
9 tency and progression of tuberculosis; and

10 “(C) pediatric tuberculosis;”.

11 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

12 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
13 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
14 shall issue a report on the coordination of efforts in the  
15 United States to—

16 (1) prevent, control, and eliminate tuberculosis;  
17 and

18 (2) implement the activities under section 317E  
19 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–  
20 6), as amended by this Act, and the National Action  
21 Plan for Combating Multidrug-Resistant Tuber-  
22 culosis, issued in December 2015.

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