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H. R. 5855

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma center violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (for himself and Mr. KINZINGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Bipartisan Solution
5 to Cyclical Violence Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CENTER**
2 **VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND VIOLENCE**
3 **PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 399V-7. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CEN-**
8 **TER VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND VIO-**
9 **LENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED.—**

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary shall award
12 grants to eligible entities to establish or expand vio-
13 lence intervention or prevention programs for serv-
14 ices and research designed to reduce the incidence of
15 reinjury and reincarceration caused by intentional
16 violent trauma, excluding intimate partner violence.

17 “(2) **FIRST AWARD.—**Not later than 9 months
18 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
19 retary shall make the first award under paragraph
20 (1).

21 “(3) **GRANT DURATION.—**Each grant awarded
22 under paragraph (1) shall be for a period of three
23 years.

24 “(4) **GRANT AMOUNT.—**The total amount of
25 each grant awarded under paragraph (1) for the 3-

1 year grant period shall be not less than \$250,000
2 and not more than \$500,000.

3 “(5) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—A grant
4 awarded under paragraph (1) to an eligible entity
5 with an existing program described in paragraph (1)
6 shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any
7 other funds provided to such entity for such pro-
8 gram.

9 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
10 a grant under subsection (a)(1), an entity shall—

11 “(1) either be—

12 “(A) a State-designated trauma center, or
13 a trauma center verified by the American Col-
14 lege of Surgeons, that conducts or seeks to con-
15 duct a violence intervention or violence preven-
16 tion program; or

17 “(B) a nonprofit entity that conducts or
18 seeks to conduct a program described in sub-
19 paragraph (A) in cooperation with a trauma
20 center described in such subparagraph;

21 “(2) serve a community in which at least 100
22 incidents of intentional violent trauma occur annu-
23 ally; and

1 “(3) submit to the Secretary an application at
2 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
3 formation as the Secretary may require.

4 “(c) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

5 “(1) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In selecting
6 grant recipients under subsection (a)(1), the Sec-
7 retary shall ensure that collectively grantees rep-
8 resent a diversity of geographic areas.

9 “(2) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant recipients
10 under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall
11 prioritize applicants that serve one or more commu-
12 nities with high absolute numbers or high rates of
13 intentional violent trauma.

14 “(3) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE
15 AREAS.—

16 “(A) ENCOURAGEMENT.—The Secretary
17 shall encourage entities described in paragraphs
18 (1) and (2) that are located in or serve a health
19 professional shortage area to apply for grants
20 under subsection (a)(1).

21 “(B) DEFINITION.—In subparagraph (A),
22 the term ‘health professional shortage area’
23 means a health professional shortage area des-
24 ignated under section 332.

25 “(d) REPORTS.—

1 “(1) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An entity that re-
3 ceives a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall
4 submit reports on the use of the grant funds to
5 the Secretary, including progress reports, as re-
6 quired by the Secretary. Such reports shall in-
7 clude—

8 “(i) any findings of the program es-
9 tablished, or expanded, by the entity
10 through the grant; and

11 “(ii) if applicable, the manner in
12 which the entity has incorporated such
13 findings in the violence intervention or vio-
14 lence prevention program conducted by
15 such entity.

16 “(B) OPTION FOR JOINT REPORT.—To the
17 extent feasible and appropriate, an entity that
18 receives a grant under subsection (a)(1) may
19 elect to coordinate with one or more other enti-
20 ties that have received such a grant to submit
21 a joint report that meets the requirements of
22 subparagraph (A).

23 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
24 six years after the date of enactment of the Bipar-

1 tisan Solution to Cyclical Violence Act of 2020, the
2 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report—

3 “(A) on any findings resulting from re-
4 ports submitted to the Secretary under para-
5 graph (1);

6 “(B) on best practices developed by the
7 Secretary under subsection (e); and

8 “(C) with recommendations for legislative
9 action relating to intentional violent trauma
10 prevention that the Secretary determines appro-
11 priate.

12 “(e) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than six years
13 after the date of enactment of the Bipartisan Solution to
14 Cyclical Violence Act of 2020, the Secretary shall—

15 “(1) develop, and post on a public website of
16 the Department of Health and Human Services, best
17 practices for intentional violent trauma prevention,
18 based on any findings reported to the Secretary
19 under subsection (d)(1); and

20 “(2) disseminate such best practices to stake-
21 holders, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

22 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
23 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-

1 priated \$10,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2020
2 through 2023.”.

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