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S. 3354

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish a community health partnership grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish a community health partnership grant program.

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 “Community Access,
5 Resources, and Education for Families Act of 2020” or
6 the “CARE for Families Act of 2020”.

7 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.**

8 Section 17(h) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
9 U.S.C. 1786(h)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(15) COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP
2 GRANTS.—

3 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

4 “(i) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘el-
5 ible entity’ means—

6 “(I) a local agency; and

7 “(II) a local clinic.

8 “(ii) PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.—The
9 term ‘program participant’ means a partic-
10 ipant in the special supplemental nutrition
11 program under this section.

12 “(B) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1
13 year after the date of enactment of this para-
14 graph, the Secretary shall establish a program
15 to make grants to eligible entities to enhance
16 collaboration among—

17 “(i) the eligible entities and commu-
18 nity health partners, including health care
19 providers, social services programs, and
20 early childhood learning and care pro-
21 viders—

22 “(I) to establish linkages between
23 the eligible entities and those part-
24 ners, such as through participation in
25 community coalitions;

1 “(II) to facilitate referrals among
2 the eligible entities and those part-
3 ners;

4 “(III) to implement evidence-
5 based strategies to improve the health
6 of communities, conduct outreach to
7 existing and potential program par-
8 ticipants, and promote breastfeeding
9 and access to healthy foods; and

10 “(IV) to increase awareness
11 among those partners and existing
12 and potential program participants of
13 the eligibility requirements for, and
14 health benefits of, the program, as ap-
15 plicable; and

16 “(ii) the eligible entities and health
17 care providers such as pediatricians, obste-
18 tricians-gynecologists, family physicians,
19 advance practice nurses, nurse midwives,
20 community health centers, health depart-
21 ments, hospitals, and rural health clinics—

22 “(I) to facilitate and improve ac-
23 cess to comprehensive prenatal, post-
24 natal, and postpartum care for pro-
25 gram participants;

1 “(II) to facilitate certification of
2 eligibility of persons for participation
3 in the program and provision of pro-
4 gram benefits at the hospital bedside
5 for eligible postpartum women and in-
6 fants;

7 “(III) to improve the coordina-
8 tion, quality, and cost effectiveness of
9 health care services;

10 “(IV) to improve the sharing of
11 information necessary to establish nu-
12 tritional risk; and

13 “(V) to ensure consistent nutri-
14 tion education and breastfeeding mes-
15 sages are provided to program partici-
16 pants.

17 “(C) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to re-
18 ceive a grant under this paragraph, an eligible
19 entity shall submit an application to the Sec-
20 retary at such time, in such manner, and con-
21 taining such information as the Secretary may
22 require.

23 “(D) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
24 TIONS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds au-
2 thorized to be appropriated under sub-
3 section (g)(1)(A), the Secretary shall use
4 to carry out this paragraph \$15,000,000
5 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
6 2025.

7 “(ii) ADJUSTMENT.—The amount
8 specified in clause (i) shall be adjusted an-
9 nually for inflation by the same factor used
10 to determine the national average per par-
11 ticipant grant for nutrition services and
12 administration for the fiscal year under
13 paragraph (1)(B).”.

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