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S. 4313

To establish a grant program for purposes of providing training to physicians on the health effects of exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2020

Mrs. S Haheen (for herself and Mr. Rounds) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Physician Education on PFAS Health Impacts Act”. 
SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRAINING OF PHYSICIANS ON PFAS.

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

"SEC. 399V–7. GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRAINING OF PHYSICIANS ON PFAS.

"(a) In general.—The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities for the purpose of developing courses for physicians or other medical practitioners to inform such physicians and medical practitioners about the impact of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance exposure on health outcomes and best practices for patients who have been exposed to such substances.

"(b) Eligible entities.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, and entity shall—

"(1) be—

"(A) a national or State medical organization or other organization that provides educational courses to health care providers; or

"(B) an institution of medical research or a clinical researcher at such an institution of medical research;

"(2) have expertise in clinical conditions or diseases that are related or exacerbated by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance expo-
sure, experience in environmental health, and other
expertise and experience as the Secretary determines
appropriate;

“(3) commit to gathering input from patients
and clinicians when developing the training courses,
as the Secretary determines appropriate; and

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

“(c) Reporting.—

“(1) Grantee reporting to the Secretary.—Each recipient of a grant under this sec-
section shall annually report to the Secretary, in a form
and manner determined by the Secretary, on train-
ing materials developed through use of funds award-
ed under the grant. Each such report shall include
any findings or recommendations that the grantees
have determined should be included in physician or
medical practitioner training.

“(2) HHS dissemination of information.—
Each year, not later than 90 days after receiving the
reports from grant recipients under paragraph (1),
the Secretary shall disseminate to the public a sum-
mary of findings and recommendations that are in-
cluded in the material provided under such paragraph (1).

“(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘PFAS’ means a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance with at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated $500,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, to remain available until expended.”.