

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6008

To provide for a grant program to support access to free eye care services for students attending public elementary schools and secondary schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. SCANLON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “See the Board Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO FREE**
2 **EYE CARE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AT PUB-**
3 **LIC SCHOOLS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
6 and Human Services shall, subject to subsection (d), es-
7 tablish a grant program under which the Secretary awards
8 grants to eligible entities that provide a qualifying eye care
9 services program to purchase portable or mobile optometry
10 equipment and to pay for appropriate operational costs,
11 including for costs for qualified personal protective equip-
12 ment, direct health care or service delivery costs, and any
13 other relevant expense the Secretary determines necessary,
14 for the provision of free eye care services through such
15 program to students attending public elementary schools
16 or secondary schools (as such terms are defined in section
17 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
18 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).

19 (b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DESCRIBED.**—For purposes
20 of this section, an eligible entity is a nonprofit organiza-
21 tion.

22 (c) **QUALIFYING EYE CARE SERVICES PROGRAM.**—
23 For purposes of this section, the term “qualifying eye care
24 services program” means a program under which such
25 services are furnished free of charge to students attending
26 public elementary schools or secondary schools (as such

1 terms are defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and
2 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801))
3 through the use of mobile eye clinics or mobile clinics that
4 use portable equipment to bring screenings, exams, and
5 an optical shop to such students. Such a program may
6 use qualified health care providers at such schools or oph-
7 thalmic technicians for screening, optometrists or ophthal-
8 mologists for follow-up examinations, and an optician and
9 dispensary for such students to be given glasses at such
10 schools.

11 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that eligible entities awarded grants under this sec-
13 tion should, to the greatest extent possible, provide infor-
14 mation to students described in subsection (a) and parents
15 of such students about the importance of adhering to the
16 medically recommended schedule for vision screenings and
17 comprehensive eye exams.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
21 2022 through 2027.

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