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S. 1685

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KING, and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.

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. SCORING OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH SAVINGS.**

4 Section 202 of the Congressional Budget and Im-
5 poundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602) is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following:

7 “(h) SCORING OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH SAVINGS.—

8 “(1) DETERMINATION BY THE DIRECTOR.—

9 Upon a request by the chairman or ranking minority
10 member of the Committee on the Budget, the Com-

1 mittee on Finance, or the Committee on Health,
2 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, or by
3 the chairman or ranking minority member of the
4 Committee on the Budget, the Committee on Energy
5 and Commerce, or the Committee on Ways and
6 Means of the House of Representatives, the Director
7 shall determine if a proposed measure would result
8 in reductions in budget outlays in budgetary out-
9 years through the use of preventive health and pre-
10 ventive health services.

11 “(2) PROJECTIONS.—If the Director determines
12 that a measure would result in substantial reduc-
13 tions in budget outlays as described in paragraph
14 (1), the Director—

15 “(A) shall include, in any projection pre-
16 pared by the Director, a description and esti-
17 mate of the reductions in budget outlays in the
18 budgetary outyears and a description of the
19 basis for such conclusions; and

20 “(B) may prepare a budget projection that
21 includes some or all of the budgetary outyears,
22 notwithstanding the time periods for projections
23 described in subsection (e) and sections 308,
24 402, and 424.

1 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this sub-
2 section—

3 “(A) the term ‘budgetary outyears’ means
4 the 2 consecutive 10-year periods beginning
5 with the first fiscal year that is 10 years after
6 the budget year provided for in the most re-
7 cently agreed to concurrent resolution on the
8 budget; and

9 “(B) the term ‘preventive health’ means an
10 action that focuses on the health of the public,
11 individuals and defined populations in order to
12 protect, promote, and maintain health and
13 wellness and prevent disease, disability, and
14 premature death that is demonstrated by cred-
15 ible and publicly available evidence from epide-
16 miological projection models, clinical trials, ob-
17 servational studies in humans, longitudinal
18 studies, and meta-analysis.”.

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