

Calendar No. 516

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**H. R. 7208**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury 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 “Dennis John Benigno
5 Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of
6 2024”.

7 **SEC. 2. THE BILL PASCRELL, JR., NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR**
8 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVEILLANCE**
9 **AND REGISTRIES.**

10 Section 393C of the Public Health Service Act (42
11 U.S.C. 280b–1d) is amended—

1 (1) by amending the section header to read as
2 follows: “THE BILL PASCRELL, JR., NATIONAL PRO-
3 GRAM FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVEIL-
4 LANCE AND REGISTRIES”; and
5 (2) by striking subsection (b).

6 **SEC. 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INJURIES.**

7 Section 394A(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 280b–3(b)) is amended by striking “fiscal years
9 2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025
10 through 2029”.

11 **SEC. 4. STATE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS REGARDING TRAU-**
12 **MATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

13 Section 1252 of the Public Health Service Act (42
14 U.S.C. 300d–52) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “that is not
16 less than \$1 for each \$2 of Federal funds provided
17 under the grant.” and inserting the following: “that
18 is—

19 “(A) for fiscal years 2020 through 2024,
20 not less than \$1 for each \$2 of Federal funds
21 provided under the grant; and

22 “(B) for fiscal year 2025 and each suc-
23 ceeding fiscal year, not less than \$0.50 for each
24 \$2 of Federal funds provided under the grant.”;

25 (2) by striking subsection (e);

1 (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (i)
2 as subsections (e) through (h), respectively;

3 (4) by amending subsection (g)(2), as so redesi-
4 gnated, to read as follows:

5 “(2)(A) The term ‘traumatic brain injury’
6 means an acquired injury to the brain.

7 “(B) Such term—

8 “(i) does not include brain dysfunc-
9 tion caused by congenital or degenerative
10 disorders, nor birth trauma; and

11 “(ii) may include—

12 “(I) brain injuries caused by an-
13 oxia due to trauma; and

14 “(II) damage to the brain from
15 an internal or external source that re-
16 sults in toxicity, surgery, or vascular
17 disorders not associated with aging.

18 “(C) The Secretary may revise the defini-
19 tion of such term as the Secretary determines
20 necessary, after consultation with States and
21 other appropriate public or nonprofit private
22 entities.”; and

23 (5) in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by
24 striking “fiscal years 2020 through 2024” and in-
25 serting “fiscal years 2025 through 2029”.

1 **SEC. 5. STATE GRANTS FOR PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY**
2 **SERVICES.**

3 Section 1253(l) of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 300d–53(l)) is amended by striking “fiscal years
5 2020 through 2024” and inserting “fiscal years 2025
6 through 2029”.

7 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON DESIGNATING BRAIN INJURY AS A**
8 **CHRONIC CONDITION.**

9 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
10 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
11 and Prevention, shall—

12 (1) examine the evidence base for designating
13 brain injury as a chronic condition that can impact
14 individuals with brain injury across the lifespan; and

15 (2) not later than 2 years after the date of en-
16 actment of this Act—

17 (A) submit to the Committee on Energy
18 and Commerce of the House of Representatives
19 and the Committee on Health, Education,
20 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report de-
21 tailing the findings, conclusions, and rec-
22 ommendations of the examination described in
23 paragraph (1); and

1 (B) make publicly available on the website
2 of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
3 tion the report described in subparagraph (A).

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

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