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S. 4174

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a clearinghouse on intellectual disabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHMITT (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Think Differently
5 Database Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLEARINGHOUSE ON INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.**

2 Subpart 7 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285g et seq.) is amended by insert-
4 ing after section 450 (42 U.S.C. 285g–2) the following:

5 **“SEC. 450A. CLEARINGHOUSE ON INTELLECTUAL DISABIL-**
6 **ITIES.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
8 with the Director of NIH and the Director of the Insti-
9 tute, shall establish within the Department of Health and
10 Human Services, a publicly available clearinghouse to pro-
11 vide information with respect to resources and information
12 for people with an intellectual disability and the caregivers
13 and families of such people. Such clearinghouse shall in-
14 clude—

15 “(1) information on individual community-based
16 services and long-term support services available to
17 individuals eligible for medical assistance under a
18 State plan under the Medicaid program under title
19 XIX of the Social Security Act (or a waiver of such
20 plan);

21 “(2) information on how to obtain health care,
22 mental health care, and other relevant services; and

23 “(3) a searchable database of such resources
24 that may be searched by postal ZIP Code.

25 “(b) PROMOTION.—The Secretary shall, as applicable
26 and appropriate, identify and disseminate promotional ac-

1 tivities to improve, among people with an intellectual dis-
2 ability and the caretakers and families of such people, the
3 awareness of the resources included in the clearinghouse
4 established under subsection (a).

5 “(c) MODEL.—In establishing the clearinghouse
6 under this section, the Secretary may use the website
7 thinkdifferently.net as a model.”.

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