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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. TILLIS) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PREVENTING MATERNAL DEATHS.**

2 (a) **MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE.**—

3 Section 317K(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 247b–12(d)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “(includ-
6 ing obstetricians and gynecologists)” after “clinical
7 specialties”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)(i)—

9 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “as appli-
10 cable” and inserting “if available”; and

11 (B) in subclause (III), by striking “, as ap-
12 propriate” and inserting “and coordinating with
13 death certifiers to improve the collection of
14 death record reports and the quality of death
15 records, including by amending cause-of-death
16 information on a death certificate, as appro-
17 priate”.

18 (b) **BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-**
19 **TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.**—Section 317K of the
20 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12) is amend-
21 ed—

22 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
23 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

24 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(e) BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-
2 TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
4 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
5 Control and Prevention, shall, in consultation with
6 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-
7 ices Administration, disseminate to hospitals, State
8 professional society groups, and perinatal quality
9 collaboratives, best practices on how to prevent ma-
10 ternal mortality and morbidity that consider and re-
11 flect best practices identified through other relevant
12 Federal maternal health programs.

13 “(2) FREQUENCY.—The Secretary, acting
14 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
15 Control and Prevention, shall disseminate the best
16 practices referred to in paragraph (1) not less fre-
17 quently than once per fiscal year.”.

18 (c) EXTENSION.—Subsection (g) of section 317K of
19 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12), as
20 redesignated by subsection (b), is amended by striking
21 “\$58,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023”
22 and inserting “\$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
23 through 2030”.

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