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H. R. 207

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma centers with violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma centers with violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

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 “Stop the Violence Act
5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CENTERS**
2 **WITH VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND VIO-**
3 **LENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 399V-7. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CEN-**
8 **TERS WITH VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND**
9 **VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

10 “(a) AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9 months
12 after the date of enactment of the Stop the Violence
13 Act of 2019, the Secretary, acting through the Di-
14 rector of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
15 vention (referred to in this section as the ‘Sec-
16 retary’), shall award 10 grants to eligible entities for
17 the purpose of carrying out the activities described
18 in subsection (c).

19 “(2) GRANT AMOUNT AND DURATION.—A grant
20 awarded under paragraph (1) shall be in the amount
21 of \$500,000 for a period of three years, with one-
22 third of such amount made available per year.

23 “(3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—A grant
24 awarded under paragraph (1) to an eligible entity
25 shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any

1 other funds provided to such entity for carrying out
2 the activities described in subsection (e).

3 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
4 a grant under subsection (a)(1), an entity shall—

5 “(1) either be—

6 “(A) a State-designated trauma center, or
7 a trauma center verified by the American Col-
8 lege of Surgeons, that conducts a violence inter-
9 vention or violence prevention program; or

10 “(B) a nonprofit entity that conducts a
11 program described in subparagraph (A) in co-
12 operation with a trauma center described in
13 such subparagraph; and

14 “(2) submit to the Secretary an application at
15 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
16 formation as the Secretary may require.

17 “(c) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—An entity that receives
18 a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall use the grant funds
19 to conduct or expand research on the effectiveness of vio-
20 lence prevention efforts in reducing the incidence of re-
21 injury and re-incarceration caused by interpersonal vio-
22 lence.

23 “(d) REPORTS.—

24 “(1) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than four
2 years after the date of enactment of the Stop
3 the Violence Act of 2019, an entity that re-
4 ceives a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall
5 submit to the Secretary a report on—

6 “(i) any findings of research con-
7 ducted, or expanded, by the entity under
8 subsection (c); and

9 “(ii) if applicable, the manner in
10 which the entity has incorporated such
11 findings in the violence intervention or vio-
12 lence prevention program conducted by
13 such entity.

14 “(B) OPTION FOR JOINT REPORT.—To the
15 extent feasible and appropriate, an entity that
16 receives a grant under subsection (a)(1) may
17 elect to coordinate with one or more other enti-
18 ties that have received such a grant to submit
19 a joint report that meets the requirements of
20 subparagraph (A).

21 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
22 six years after the date of enactment of the Stop the
23 Violence Act of 2019, the Secretary shall submit to
24 Congress a report—

1 “(A) on any findings resulting from re-
2 ports submitted to the Secretary under para-
3 graph (1);

4 “(B) on best practices developed by the
5 Secretary under subsection (e); and

6 “(C) with recommendations for legislative
7 action relating to interpersonal violence preven-
8 tion that the Secretary determines appropriate.

9 “(e) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than six years
10 after the date of enactment of the Stop the Violence Act
11 of 2019, the Secretary shall—

12 “(1) develop, and post on a public website of
13 the Department of Health and Human Services, best
14 practices for interpersonal violence prevention, based
15 on any findings reported to the Secretary under sub-
16 section (d)(1); and

17 “(2) disseminate such best practices to stake-
18 holders, as determined appropriate by the Sec-
19 retary.”.

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