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S. 1738

To provide additional funding for school-based health centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2021

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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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 “Hallways to Health
5 Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 399Z–1 of the Public
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280h–5) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following:

1 “(n) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—For purposes of car-
 2 rying out this section, in addition to amounts otherwise
 3 made available for such purposes, there are appropriated,
 4 out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
 5 priated, \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.”.

6 (b) EXPANDED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—Section
 7 399Z–1(l) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 8 280h–5(l)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “For purposes of” and inserting
 10 the following:

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of”;

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) EXPANDED HEALTH SERVICES.—In addi-
 14 tion to amounts made available under paragraph
 15 (1), for purposes of supporting entities receiving
 16 grants under this section in offering new, expanded
 17 behavioral health care services in a SBHC, there are
 18 authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for fiscal
 19 year 2022.”; and

20 (3) by redesignating such subsection as sub-
 21 section (m).

22 (c) GRANTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL-
 23 BASED HEALTH CENTERS.—Section 4101(a)(5) of the
 24 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law
 25 111–148; 42 U.S.C. 280h–4 note) is amended by striking

1 “for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2013,
2 \$50,000,000” and inserting “for fiscal year 2022,
3 \$100,000,000”.

4 (d) COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FUNDING.—Sec-
5 tion 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
6 254b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(s) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—In addition to amounts
8 otherwise made available to carry out this section, there
9 are appropriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not oth-
10 erwise appropriated \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, of
11 which \$25,000,000 shall be allocated to supporting enti-
12 ties receiving grants under this section in offering new,
13 expanded behavioral health care services.”.

14 **SEC. 3. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS TO ESTABLISH AND**
15 **EXPAND THE PROVISION OF TELE-HEALTH**
16 **SERVICES AT SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CEN-**
17 **TERS.**

18 Title XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
19 1397aa et seq.), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 2114. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH**
 2 **AND EXPAND THE PROVISION OF TELE-**
 3 **HEALTH SERVICES AT SCHOOL-BASED**
 4 **HEALTH CENTERS.**

5 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 18 months
 6 after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary
 7 shall publish criteria for the establishment of a demonstra-
 8 tion program to provide new tele-health services, or to ex-
 9 pand existing tele-health service programs, located at
 10 school-based health centers. A school-based health center’s
 11 receipt of funds under the demonstration program under
 12 this section shall not preclude the school-based health cen-
 13 ter from being reimbursed by public or private health in-
 14 surance programs according to State law and regulation
 15 for items and services furnished by or through the center.

16 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
 18 necessary to carry out this section. Funds appropriated
 19 under the preceding sentence shall remain available until
 20 expended.”.

21 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

22 Section 399Z–1 of the Public Health Service Act (42
 23 U.S.C. 280h–5) is amended by inserting after subsection
 24 (k) the following:

25 “(l) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, act-
 26 ing directly or through awarding grants or contracts to

1 private, nonprofit entities, shall establish or support exist-
2 ing State school-based health center resource centers
3 that—

4 “(1) provide advocacy, training, and technical
5 assistance to school-based health centers, including
6 maximizing Federal and State resources;

7 “(2) support the development of school-based
8 health centers; and

9 “(3) enhance the operations and performance of
10 school-based health centers.”.

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