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H. R. 4015

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Cardiomyopathy
3 Health Education, Awareness, Risk Assessment, and
4 Training in the Schools (HEARTS) Act of 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. MATERIALS AND RESOURCES TO INCREASE EDU-
6 CATION AND AWARENESS OF CARDIO-
7 MYOPATHY AMONG SCHOOL ADMINISTRA-
8 TORS, EDUCATORS, AND FAMILIES.**

9 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 399V-6. MATERIALS AND RESOURCES TO INCREASE
13 EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF CARDIO-
14 MYOPATHY AMONG SCHOOL ADMINISTRA-
15 TORS, EDUCATORS, AND FAMILIES.**

16 “(a) MATERIALS AND RESOURCES.—Not later than
17 18 months after the date of the enactment of this section,
18 the Secretary, in conjunction with the Director of the Cen-
19 ters for Disease Control and Prevention (in this section
20 referred to as the ‘Director’) and in consultation with na-
21 tional patient advocacy and health professional organiza-
22 tions expert in all forms of cardiomyopathy, shall develop
23 public education and awareness materials and resources
24 to be disseminated to school administrators, educators,
25 school health professionals, coaches, families, and other

1 appropriate individuals. The materials and resources shall
2 include—

3 “(1) background information to increase edu-
4 cation and awareness of cardiomyopathy among
5 school administrators, educators, and families;

6 “(2) a cardiomyopathy risk assessment work-
7 sheet for use by parents, guardians, or other care-
8 givers;

9 “(3) guidelines regarding the placement of
10 automated external defibrillators in schools and child
11 care centers;

12 “(4) training information on automated exter-
13 nal defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
14 and

15 “(5) recommendations for how schools and child
16 care centers can develop and implement a cardiac
17 emergency response plan.

18 “(b) DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALS AND RE-
19 SOURCES.—The Secretary, through the Director, shall de-
20 velop and update as necessary and appropriate the mate-
21 rials and resources under subsection (a) and, in support
22 of such effort, the Secretary is encouraged to—

23 “(1) establish an advisory panel composed of—

24 “(A) representatives from multiple national
25 patient advocacy organizations and medical pro-

1 professionals expert in all forms of cardio-
2 myopathy;

3 “(B) a representative from the Centers for
4 Disease Control and Prevention; and

5 “(C) representatives from other relevant
6 Federal agencies; and

7 “(2) engage in a memorandum of under-
8 standing or cooperative agreement with a national
9 nonprofit advocacy organization expert in all forms
10 of cardiomyopathy.

11 “(c) DISSEMINATION OF MATERIALS AND RE-
12 SOURCES.—Not later than 30 months after the date of
13 the enactment of this section, the Secretary, through the
14 Director, shall disseminate the materials and resources
15 under subsection (a) in accordance with the following:

16 “(1) DISTRIBUTION BY STATE EDUCATION
17 AGENCIES.—The Secretary shall make available such
18 materials and resources to State educational agen-
19 cies to distribute—

20 “(A) to school administrators, educators,
21 school health professionals, coaches and par-
22 ents, guardians, or other caregivers, the cardio-
23 myopathy education and awareness materials
24 and resources under subsection (a);

1 “(B) to parents, guardians, or other care-
2 givers, the cardiomyopathy risk assessment
3 worksheet described in subsection (a)(2); and

4 “(C) to school administrators and school
5 health professionals, the—

6 “(i) guidelines described in subsection
7 (a)(3);

8 “(ii) training information described in
9 subsection (a)(4); and

10 “(iii) recommendations described in
11 subsection (a)(5).

12 “(2) DISSEMINATION TO HEALTH DEPART-
13 MENTS AND PROFESSIONALS.—The Secretary shall
14 make available such materials and resources to State
15 and local health departments, pediatricians, hos-
16 pitals, and other health professionals, such as nurses
17 and first responders.

18 “(3) POSTING ON WEBSITE.—

19 “(A) CDC.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary,
21 through the Director, shall post the mate-
22 rials and resources developed under sub-
23 section (a) on the public Internet website
24 of the Centers for Disease Control and
25 Prevention.

1 “(ii) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—

2 The Director is encouraged to maintain on
3 such public Internet website such addi-
4 tional information regarding cardio-
5 myopathy as deemed appropriate by the
6 Director.

7 “(B) STATE EDUCATION AGENCIES.—State
8 educational agencies are encouraged to create
9 public Internet webpages dedicated to cardio-
10 myopathy and post the materials and resources
11 developed under subsection (a) on such
12 webpages.

13 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
14 after the date of the enactment of this section, and annu-
15 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
16 report identifying the steps taken to increase public edu-
17 cation and awareness of cardiomyopathy as outlined under
18 this section.

19 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

20 “(1) CARDIOMYOPATHY.—The term ‘cardio-
21 myopathy’ means a rare heart condition, which is a
22 disease of the heart muscle (myocardium)—

23 “(A) the symptoms of which may vary
24 from case to case, including—

1 “(i) in some cases, the presentation of
2 no symptoms (asymptomatic); and

3 “(ii) in many cases, the symptoms of
4 a progressive condition that may result in
5 an impaired ability of the heart to pump
6 blood, fatigue, irregular heart-beats (ar-
7 rhythmia), and, potentially, sudden cardiac
8 death or heart failure; and

9 “(B) the recognized types of which include
10 dilated, hypertrophic, restrictive, arrhythmogen-
11 ic right ventricular dysplasia, and left ventric-
12 ular noncompaction.

13 “(2) SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.—The term
14 ‘school administrator’ means a principal, director,
15 manager, or other supervisor or leader within an ele-
16 mentary school or secondary school (as such terms
17 are defined under section 9101 of the Elementary
18 and Secondary Education Act of 1965), State-based
19 early education program, or child care center.

20 “(3) SCHOOLS.—The term ‘school’ means an
21 early education program, child care center, or ele-
22 mentary school or secondary school (as such terms
23 are so defined).

24 “(4) NATIONAL NONPROFIT ADVOCACY ORGANI-
25 ZATIONS EXPERT IN ALL FORMS OF CARDIO-

1 MYOPATHY.—The term ‘national nonprofit advocacy
2 organizations expert in all forms of cardiomyopathy’
3 means organizations that provide support services to
4 families or fund research, and work to increase pub-
5 lic awareness and education regarding all types of
6 cardiomyopathy.

7 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
8 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
9 priated \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2016, \$750,000 for fis-
10 cal year 2017, and \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2018
11 through 2020.”.

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