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To establish a program to support county and municipal government entities in reducing the spread of COVID–19 through standardized testing and evaluation measures, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To establish a program to support county and municipal government entities in reducing the spread of COVID–19 through standardized testing and evaluation measures, 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 “Set Testing and Objec-  
5       tives Plan for COVID–19 Act” or the “STOP COVID–  
6       19 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR COVID-19 TESTING, CONTACT TRAC-**  
2 **ING, AND OTHER EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE**  
3 **SPREAD OF COVID-19.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
5 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-  
6 retary”) shall establish a program to award grants to  
7 county and municipal government entities, to support  
8 COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and other efforts to  
9 reduce the spread of COVID-19 in such counties and mu-  
10 nicipalities.

11 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a  
12 grant under this section, a county or municipal govern-  
13 ment entity shall—

14 (1) have a public health department; and

15 (2) submit an application to the Secretary at  
16 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
17 formation as the Secretary may require, including  
18 the entity’s operational plan and proposed uses of  
19 the grant funds.

20 (c) TECHNICAL SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall pro-  
21 vide technical assistance to the public health department  
22 of government entities awarded a grant under this section.

23 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-  
24 tion may be used in support of programs to increase  
25 COVID-19 testing and to reduce the spread of COVID-  
26 19, which may include hiring staff for COVID-19 testing

1 centers, funding mobile testing centers, hiring contact  
2 tracers, purchasing IT equipment, conducting public  
3 awareness campaigns, and paying for COVID–19 testing  
4 or testing related equipment.

5 (e) REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each government entity re-  
7 ceiving a grant under this section shall—

8 (A) develop a data-driven program for  
9 COVID–19 testing, contact tracing, and other  
10 efforts to stop the spread of COVID–19;

11 (B) operate a searchable, publicly available  
12 website that lists every participating COVID–19  
13 PCR testing center in the jurisdiction and, with  
14 respect to each such center, state—

15 (i) whether testing is free or the cost  
16 of such testing;

17 (ii) whether health insurance covers  
18 the testing, and, if so, what information  
19 health insurers will require before pro-  
20 viding such coverage; and

21 (iii) the average time to obtain a test  
22 result; and

23 (C) report weekly on the metrics described  
24 in subsection (f)(1), for each neighborhood es-  
25 tablished under paragraph (2)—

1 (i) identifying any neighborhood for  
2 which there is nonattainment on any such  
3 metric during the applicable reporting pe-  
4 riod; and

5 (ii) describing the specific mitigation  
6 measures planned for any such neighbor-  
7 hood to reach attainment, including a de-  
8 scription of the measures required under  
9 subsection (g)(2).

10 (2) NEIGHBORHOODS.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of meet-  
12 ing the requirements under paragraph (1), each  
13 government entity receiving a grant under this  
14 section shall divide its jurisdiction into neigh-  
15 borhoods, with each neighborhood being an area  
16 with approximately 10,000 residents.

17 (B) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON  
18 MAP.—Each government entity shall make  
19 available a map of the total jurisdiction that il-  
20 lustrates the neighborhoods established pursu-  
21 ant to subparagraph (A), and shall provide the  
22 information required under paragraph (1) by  
23 neighborhood.

24 (C) DESIGNATION OF PARTICULAR NEIGH-  
25 BORHOODS.—With respect to any neighborhood

1           that has not met the evaluation standards de-  
2           scribed in subsection (f)(2) for a weekly report-  
3           ing period under subsection (f)(1), the entity  
4           shall highlight such nonattainment on the map,  
5           in a manner to notify public users of areas not  
6           meeting the evaluation standards.

7           (f) EVALUATION STANDARDS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—The standards for purposes  
9           of determining compliance under paragraph (2) are  
10          as follows:

11           (A) POSITIVITY RATE.—

12           (i) A positivity rate at or below 5 per-  
13           cent for PCR testing.

14           (ii) A rate of newly infected residents  
15           at or below 10 residents per 100,000 popu-  
16           lation.

17           (iii) PCR testing at or above 750 resi-  
18           dents per 100,000 population.

19           (iv) Rate of infection of less than 1.0.

20           (B) CONTACT TRACING.—

21           (i) Eighty percent of new cases of in-  
22           fection are contacted by a contact tracer  
23           within 24 hours.

24           (ii) Eighty percent of new cases of in-  
25           fection identify contacts.

1 (iii) At least a median of 3 contacts  
2 identified by a contact tracer per case.

3 (iv) Eighty percent of new cases fol-  
4 lowed up on, on a daily basis, by a contact  
5 tracer until the subject is out of isolation.

6 (v) Seventy percent of contacts re-  
7 spond to the contact tracer.

8 (vi) Eighty-five percent of contacts  
9 who are identified are tested.

10 (C) TEST RESULTS.—Eighty-five percent  
11 of PCR tests have results within 48 hours.

12 (D) OTHER STANDARDS.—The Secretary  
13 may modify or replace standards described in  
14 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), or add new  
15 evaluation standards, provided such modifica-  
16 tion, replacement, or addition is based on data-  
17 driven research that demonstrates the basis of  
18 the Secretary's determination.

19 (2) COMPLIANCE.—A government entity shall  
20 be considered to be in compliance with the require-  
21 ments of this section for a weekly reporting period  
22 if each neighborhood in the entity has met 85 per-  
23 cent of the standards under paragraph (1) for such  
24 reporting period.

25 (g) EFFECTS OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—

1 (1) GRANT REDUCTION.—

2 (A) INITIAL PERIOD.—For the 2-month  
3 period immediately proceeding the date of en-  
4 actment of this Act, there shall be no reduction  
5 to the grant amount received by a government  
6 entity as a result of non-compliance as de-  
7 scribed in subsection (f)(2).

8 (B) SUBSEQUENT PERIODS.—Beginning 2  
9 months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
10 in the case of a government entity that is not  
11 in compliance for a reporting period as de-  
12 scribed in subsection (f)(2), the entity shall  
13 remit to the Federal Government an amount  
14 equal to 25 percent of the total Federal funds  
15 expended for the government entity pursuant to  
16 the grant under this section for the applicable  
17 weekly reporting period.

18 (2) TESTING AVAILABILITY MITIGATION EF-  
19 FORTS.—In the case of a government entity that is  
20 not in compliance for a weekly reporting period as  
21 described in subsection (f)(2), the entity shall ensure  
22 that, in the subsequent week, in each neighborhood  
23 within the jurisdiction that did not meet 85 percent  
24 of the standards under subsection (f)(1), residents  
25 have access to PCR testing sites as follows:

1           (A) In urban areas, 90 percent of residents  
2           have access to a testing site within 2 miles of  
3           their residence.

4           (B) In suburban areas, 90 percent of resi-  
5           dents have access to a testing site within 5  
6           miles of their residence.

7           (C) In rural areas, 70 percent of residents  
8           have access to a testing site within 15 miles of  
9           their residence.

10       (h) FUNDING.—The Secretary may use any unobli-  
11       gated funds made available to the Public Health and So-  
12       cial Services Emergency Fund to carry out this section.

13       (i) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to have force  
14       or effect on the earlier of the date on which all funds de-  
15       scribed in subsection (h) are expended or 180 days after  
16       the date of enactment of this Act.

17       **SEC. 3. PROGRAM FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION.**

18       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
19       Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-  
20       retary”) shall establish a program to award grants to  
21       States to support COVID-19 vaccination in the States.

22       (b) APPLICATIONS.—

23           (1) IN GENERAL.—A State desiring a grant  
24       under this section shall submit an application to the  
25       Secretary, at such time, in such manner, and con-



1        taining such information as the Secretary may re-  
2        quire, including a vaccination plan, operational de-  
3        tails, and proposed use of the grant funds.

4            (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary  
5        shall provide technical assistance to States for pur-  
6        poses of developing the vaccination plans to be in-  
7        cluded in applications under paragraph (1).

8            (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-  
9        tion shall be used to support increasing vaccination efforts  
10       in the State, such as meeting increased staffing needs, es-  
11       tablishing and supporting vaccination centers, conducting  
12       public awareness campaigns, and obtaining equipment for  
13       vaccine distribution.

14           (d) REQUIREMENTS.—As a condition of receipt of a  
15       grant under this section, a State shall agree to—

16            (1) submit and publicly post weekly reports, as  
17        described in subsection (e);

18            (2) develop a unified registration process for  
19        residents and assign each resident to a vaccination  
20        site, with the goal of matching residents with the  
21        nearest vaccination site, and taking into account the  
22        availability of vaccine supply; and

23            (3) administer 95 percent of the State’s vaccine  
24        allocation each month, or, for each month the State  
25        fails to administer such amount, remit to the Fed-

1       eral Government an amount equal to 25 percent of  
2       the amount received by the State under this section  
3       for that month.

4       (e) VACCINE DATA REPORTING.—Each State receiv-  
5       ing a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-  
6       retary, and post on a publicly available website, a weekly  
7       report on, with respect to the State—

8               (1) the State’s current vaccination plan and  
9       vaccine distribution methodology;

10              (2) the State’s vaccination targets for the pro-  
11       ceeding week;

12              (3) whether the State met its vaccination tar-  
13       gets for the previous week, and, if not, details on  
14       why the targets were missed;

15              (4) the daily and weekly cumulative totals of—

16                    (A) the number of vaccines (of each type)  
17       received;

18                    (B) the number of first shot vaccines ad-  
19       ministered;

20                    (C) the number of vaccine series com-  
21       pleted; and

22                    (D) the number of vaccine doses wasted or  
23       lost;

24              (5) the vaccine priority groups in the State  
25       and—

1 (A) an estimate of how many people are in  
2 each priority group, by State, county, and  
3 neighborhood (as designated under section  
4 2(e)(2)(A) pursuant to the program under sec-  
5 tion 2, or, in the case of a State not partici-  
6 pating in the program under section 2, as des-  
7 igned for purposes of this section, as de-  
8 scribed section 2(e)(2)(A)); and

9 (B) an estimate of how many people in  
10 each priority group have been vaccinated, by  
11 State, county, and neighborhood (as so des-  
12 igned);

13 (6) the percent of vaccine coverage—

14 (A) by neighborhood (as so designated);

15 (B) by age demographic, and an estimate  
16 of how many people are in each such demo-  
17 graphic, by State, county, and neighborhood (as  
18 so designated); and

19 (C) by race, ethnic group, and sex, and an  
20 estimate of how many people are in each such  
21 group by State, county, and neighborhood (as  
22 so designated);

23 (7) the number of people who scheduled vac-  
24 cination—

25 (A) online;

1 (B) by phone; and

2 (C) by walk-up at a vaccination center;

3 (8) the number of vaccinations performed by  
4 providers at—

5 (A) mass vaccination centers;

6 (B) physician’s offices and medical prac-  
7 tices;

8 (C) hospitals;

9 (D) pharmacies;

10 (E) community centers; and

11 (F) health departments; and

12 (9) the wait time to be vaccinated.

13 (f) FUNDING.—Out of any unobligated amounts  
14 made available to the Secretary under the heading “CDC-  
15 Wide Activities and Program Support” under the heading  
16 “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention” under the  
17 heading “Department of Health and Human Services”  
18 under title III of the Coronavirus Response and Relief  
19 Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-  
20 260), the Secretary may allocate \$8,750,000,000 to carry  
21 out this section.

22 (g) STATE.—For purposes of this section, the term  
23 “State” includes each of the 50 States, territories, and  
24 the District of Columbia.

1       (h) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to have force  
2 or effect on the earlier of December 31, 2021, or the date  
3 on which the amounts described in subsection (f) have  
4 been expended.

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