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To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the national strategy for combating and eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the national strategy for combating and eliminating tuberculosis, 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 “Comprehensive TB
5 Elimination Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMBATING AND ELIMI-**
7 **NATING TUBERCULOSIS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317E of the Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–6) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
2 serting the following:

3 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this
6 subsection, the Secretary may give priority to award-
7 ing grants to State health departments, political
8 subdivisions, and other public entities proposing to
9 focus on the prevention, control, and elimination of
10 tuberculosis in high-risk populations, including for-
11 eign-born, homeless, incarcerated, HIV-tuberculosis
12 coinfectd, and medically underserved populations.”;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (3)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (C), by redesign-
16 ating clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I)
17 and (II), respectively, and adjusting the
18 margins accordingly; and

19 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
20 (A) through (F) as clauses (i) through (vi),
21 respectively, and adjusting the margins ac-
22 cordingly;

23 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
24 through (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H),

1 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
2 ingly;

3 (C) in the matter preceding subparagraph
4 (A), as so redesignated, by striking “With re-
5 spect to” and inserting the following:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to”;

7 (D) by striking subparagraph (B), as so
8 redesignated, and inserting the following:

9 “(B) Research, investigations, experiments,
10 demonstrations, and studies in the health
11 sciences that are related to—

12 “(i) the development of new tools, in-
13 cluding vaccines and antimicrobial drugs,
14 to prevent and treat tuberculosis;

15 “(ii) novel therapeutics for special
16 populations, including pediatric popu-
17 lations, immunosuppressed individuals, and
18 pregnant women;

19 “(iii) the development or testing of
20 medical diagnostics to detect tuberculosis;

21 “(iv) research to address the epidemi-
22 ology, mechanisms, and pathogenesis of tu-
23 berculosis;

24 “(v) public health interventions to ad-
25 dress the prevention, treatment, and con-

1 trol of tuberculosis, such as directly ob-
2 served therapy and non-pharmaceutical
3 intervention;

4 “(vi) methods to enhance detection
5 and response to outbreaks of tuberculosis,
6 including multidrug resistant tuberculosis;
7 and

8 “(vii) other relevant research areas.”;

9 (E) in subparagraph (C), as so redesign-
10 nated—

11 (i) by redesignating clause (vi), as so
12 redesignated, as clause (vii);

13 (ii) in clause (v), as so redesignated,
14 by striking “; and” and inserting “;”; and

15 (iii) by inserting after clause (v), as so
16 redesignated, the following:

17 “(vi) the intensification of efforts to
18 prevent, detect, and treat latent tuber-
19 culosis; and”;

20 (F) in subparagraph (D), as so redesign-
21 nated, by inserting before the period the fol-
22 lowing: “, including public awareness campaigns
23 and development of educational, risk, and
24 media communications.”;

1 (G) in subparagraph (F), as so redesign-
2 nated, by striking “paragraphs (1) through
3 (4)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A) through
4 (D)”; and

5 (H) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) SELECTION.—In carrying out the activities
7 described in paragraph (1), the Secretary—

8 “(A) is encouraged to give priority to pro-
9 grammatically relevant research so that new
10 tools can be utilized in public health practice;
11 and

12 “(B) may seek input from the Biomedical
13 Advanced Research and Development Authority
14 in identifying novel candidates to utilize in the
15 efforts under this subsection to prevent, diag-
16 nose, and control tuberculosis.”;

17 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) through (h)
18 as subsections (d) through (i), respectively;

19 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
20 lowing—

21 “(c) GRANTS FOR COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS AND
22 SERVICES FOR PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREAT-
23 MENT.—

24 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through
25 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-

ices Administration, may award grants to State and local governments and Federally qualified health centers for coordinating the programs and services of such States, governments, and centers to ensure timely and appropriate prevention, risk-based screening, diagnosis, and treatment of latent and active tuberculosis.

“(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘Federally qualified health center’ has the meaning given to such term in section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act.”;

(5) in subsections (d), (e), and (f), as so redesignated, by striking “(a) or (b)” each place it appears and inserting “(a), (b), or (c)”;

(6) in subsection (g)(4), as so redesignated, by adding at the end the following:

“(C) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary is encouraged to make the reports under subparagraph (A), or other publications relevant to domestic tuberculosis surveillance, publicly available on the internet website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and to disseminate such information to stakeholders.”;

(7) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by striking “research into new
3 tools under subsection (b)(2)” and insert-
4 ing “the research, investigations, experi-
5 ments, demonstrations, and studies in
6 health science under subsection (b)(1)(B)”;
7 and

8 (ii) by inserting “ensuring access to
9 the products developed as a result of such
10 research, investigations, experiments, dem-
11 onstrations, and studies and” after “advice
12 regarding”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (3)—

14 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
15 (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and
16 (F), respectively; and

17 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
18 (C) the following:

19 “(D) members of the Biomedical Advanced
20 Research and Development Authority;”; and

21 (8) in subsection (i)(1)(A), as so redesignated,
22 by striking “\$200,000,000” and all that follows
23 through the period and inserting “\$142,200,000 for
24 fiscal year 2020, \$195,700,000 for fiscal year 2021,
25 \$225,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, \$236,250,000 for

1 fiscal year 2023, \$248,062,500 for fiscal year 2024,
2 and \$260,465,625 for fiscal year 2025.”.

3 (b) NIH TUBERCULOSIS ACTIVITIES.—Section
4 424C(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
5 285b–7c(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and in-
6 serting the following:

7 “(1) enhancing basic, clinical, and operational
8 research on tuberculosis, including with respect to—

9 “(A) drug-resistant tuberculosis;

10 “(B) infection with tuberculosis and la-
11 tency and progression of tuberculosis; and

12 “(C) pediatric tuberculosis;”.

13 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

14 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
15 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
16 shall issue a report on the coordination of efforts in the
17 United States to—

18 (1) prevent, control, and eliminate tuberculosis;

19 and

20 (2) implement the activities under section 317E
21 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–
22 6), as amended by this Act, and the National Action
23 Plan for Combating Multidrug-Resistant Tuber-
24 culosis, issued in December 2015.