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H. R. 1549

To establish a demonstration program to provide comprehensive health assessments for students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a demonstration program to provide comprehensive health assessments for students.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 To provide for comprehensive health assessments of stu-
4 dents.

5 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This Act may be cited as the “Student Health Assess-
7 ment Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to
3 provide grants to 10 local educational agencies to develop
4 and complete comprehensive health assessments for stu-
5 dents.

6 (b) SELECTION.—To ensure a broad sample of stu-
7 dents across the Nation, the Secretary shall take into con-
8 sideration school size, socioeconomic status and ethnic
9 composition of students, and location when awarding
10 grants under this Act.

11 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
12 under this Act, a local educational agency shall—

13 (1) submit an application to the Secretary at
14 such time and in such form and manner as the Sec-
15 retary may reasonably require; and

16 (2) provide an assurance that the agency will
17 strongly encourage parents of students who attend
18 schools served by such agency to allow their child to
19 participate in a comprehensive health assessment.

20 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—A local educational agency that
22 receives a grant award under this Act shall—

23 (1) notify parents, through the use of written
24 notification, public meetings, and electronic and
25 broadcast media, of the availability and benefit of a
26 comprehensive health assessment;

1 (2) assist parents who qualify to apply for the
2 Children's Health Insurance Program established
3 under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1397aa); and

5 (3) facilitate or provide a comprehensive health
6 assessment described in subsection (b) to each par-
7 ticipating student.

8 (b) ASSESSMENT.—

9 (1) CHECKLIST.—The Secretary of Education,
10 in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
11 Human Services, shall develop a checklist for local
12 educational agencies to provide physicians or health
13 care workers authorized to conduct comprehensive
14 health assessments.

15 (2) ASSESSMENT.—Each assessment shall be
16 performed by an authorized physician or health care
17 provider, chosen by the parents and authorized to
18 participate in the program by the local educational
19 agency, and shall include—

20 (A) a physical evaluation; and

21 (B) a psycho-social evaluation.

22 (c) RESULTS.—The local educational agency shall—

23 (1) upon request, make available the results of
24 each health assessment to the parents of partici-
25 pating children; and

1 (2) consolidate statistical information, without
2 including personal identifying information, to the
3 Secretary not later than 6 months after each year of
4 participation.

5 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after funds
6 are distributed under this Act, the Secretary shall submit
7 a report to Congress that includes, at a minimum, the fol-
8 lowing information:

9 (1) PARTICIPATION.—Participation of students,
10 including the socioeconomic, ethnic, and geographic
11 location of students and the size of participating
12 schools.

13 (2) CHIP ENROLLEES.—The number of new en-
14 rollees of the Children’s Health Insurance Program
15 resulting from implementation of this Act.

16 (3) HEALTH PROBLEMS.—Statistical break-
17 down of the number and types of health problems
18 detected through assessments conducted under this
19 Act.

20 (4) REFERRALS.—The number of physical and
21 psychological referrals made resulting from the
22 health assessments conducted pursuant to this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

2 The Secretary shall promulgate such rules and regu-
3 lations as are necessary to carry out this Act and to ensure
4 confidentiality regarding health assessment information.

5 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
7 this Act such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
8 years 2002 through 2007.

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