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S. 995

To amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2019

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

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Reported by Mr. ALEXANDER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lifespan Respite Care
5 Reauthorization Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) There are an estimated 43,000,000 family
4 caregivers nationwide that provide care for loved
5 ones with chronic, disabling health conditions across
6 the lifespan.

7 (2) The economic value of uncompensated fam-
8 ily caregiving to the United States economy was esti-
9 mated at \$470,000,000,000 in 2013, more than
10 total Medicaid spending of \$449,000,000,000, in-
11 cluding both Federal and State contributions for
12 medical and long-term care in the same year.

13 (3) While caring for the aging population re-
14 mains a growing concern, more than half of care re-
15 cipients are under age 75, and almost one-third are
16 under age 50.

17 (4) Respite provides temporary relief to care-
18 givers from the ongoing responsibility of caring for
19 individuals of all ages with special needs.

20 (5) Respite care is one of the most commonly
21 requested caregiver support services.

22 (6) Respite has been shown to provide family
23 caregivers with the relief necessary to maintain their
24 own health, balance work and family, bolster family
25 stability, keep marriages intact, and avoid or delay
26 more costly nursing home or foster care placements.

1 (7) Delaying nursing home, institutional, or foster
2 care placement of just one individual for several
3 months can save Medicaid, child welfare, or other
4 government programs tens of thousands of dollars.

5 (8) The Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006
6 (Public Law 109–442) was originally enacted to improve
7 the delivery and quality of respite care services
8 available to families across all age and disability
9 groups by establishing coordinated lifespan respite
10 systems.

11 (9) Thirty-seven States and the District of Columbia
12 have received grants under the Lifespan Respite
13 Care Act of 2006 to improve the availability and
14 quality of respite services across the lifespan.

15 (10) For the Nation’s wounded servicemembers
16 and veterans with traumatic brain injuries and other
17 conditions, respite systems could be an integral lifeline
18 for families in their new roles as lifelong family
19 caregivers.

20 (11) The Department of Veterans Affairs and
21 Congress have both acknowledged the unique challenges
22 facing caregivers of returning servicemembers
23 and veterans, as well as the need for increased caregiver
24 services.

1 (12) The increased utilization of, and costs to,
 2 long-term care systems requires the continued devel-
 3 opment of coordinated family support services like
 4 lifespan respite care.

5 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE**
 6 **PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.**—Section
 8 2904 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ii-
 9 3) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 2904. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.**

11 “Each eligible State agency awarded a grant or coop-
 12 erative agreement under section 2902 shall collect, main-
 13 tain, and report such data and records at such times, in
 14 such form, and in such manner as the Secretary may re-
 15 quire to enable the Secretary—

16 “(1) to monitor State administration of pro-
 17 grams and activities funded pursuant to such grant
 18 or cooperative agreement; and

19 “(2) to evaluate, and to compare effectiveness
 20 on a State-by-State basis, of programs and activities
 21 funded pursuant to section 2902.”.

22 (b) **FUNDING.**—Section 2905 of the Public Health
 23 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300ii-4) is amended by striking
 24 paragraphs (1) through (5) and inserting the following:

25 “(1) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;

1 ~~“(2) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;~~
 2 ~~“(3) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;~~
 3 ~~“(4) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and~~
 4 ~~“(5) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.”.~~

5 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

6 *This Act may be cited as the “Lifespan Respite Care*
 7 *Reauthorization Act of 2019”.*

8 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE**
 9 **PROGRAM.**

10 (a) *DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.*—Section
 11 *2904 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300ii–*
 12 *3) is amended to read as follows:*

13 **“SEC. 2904. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.**

14 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Each State agency awarded a
 15 *grant or cooperative agreement under section 2902 shall re-*
 16 *port such data, information, and metrics as the Secretary*
 17 *may require for purposes of—*

18 “(1) *evaluating State programs and activities*
 19 *funded pursuant to such grant or cooperative agree-*
 20 *ment, including any results pursuant to section*
 21 *2902(d)(2)(B)(xii); and*

22 “(2) *identifying effective programs and activities*
 23 *funded pursuant to section 2902.*

24 “(b) *REPORT.*—Not later than October 1, 2023, the
 25 *Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Health,*

1 *Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-*
2 *mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Represent-*
3 *atives regarding the outcomes of the programs and activities*
4 *funded pursuant to section 2902, including any effective*
5 *programs and activities identified.”.*

6 (b) *FUNDING.—Section 2905 of the Public Health*
7 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300ii–4) is amended by striking*
8 *“title” and all that follows through the period and inserting*
9 *“title, \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through fis-*
10 *cal year 2024.”.*

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