

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5338

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of State to pursue public-private partnerships, innovative financing mechanisms, research partnerships, and coordination with international and multilateral organizations to address childhood cancer globally, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Global Hope Act of  
3 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5       Congress finds the following:

6           (1) Approximately 300,000 children aged 0 to  
7 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer each year.

8           (2) The most common categories of childhood  
9 cancers include leukemia, brain cancer, lymphoma,  
10 and solid tumors, such as neuroblastoma and Wilms  
11 tumor.

12           (3) Most childhood cancers can be cured with  
13 generic medicines and can be cost-effective for all in-  
14 come levels.

15           (4) In the United States, the survival rate for  
16 children diagnosed with cancer is over 80 percent. In  
17 many developing countries, the mortality rate of  
18 children diagnosed with cancer is around 80 percent.  
19 In some parts of Africa, the mortality rate reaches  
20 90 percent.

21           (5) In September 2018, the World Health Or-  
22 ganization announced a new effort—the Global Ini-  
23 tiative for Childhood Cancer—with the aim of reach-  
24 ing at least a 60-percent survival rate for children  
25 with cancer by 2030, thereby saving an additional  
26 1,000,000 lives.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress as follows:

3 (1) The work of the United States on infectious  
4 disease remains the core tenet of United States work  
5 on global health.

6 (2) As the United States and international  
7 partners continue to succeed in lowering incidences  
8 of infectious diseases, global mortality rates of non-  
9 communicable diseases will become an increasing  
10 burden that must be addressed.

11 (3) The United States should work to support  
12 the goals of the World Health Organization Initia-  
13 tive for Childhood Cancer, helping increase survival  
14 rates for children with cancer.

15 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

16 The United States shall seek to—

17 (1) increase political commitment for childhood  
18 cancer diagnosis, treatment, and care globally;

19 (2) support efforts to increase the survival rate  
20 of children with cancer globally;

21 (3) support efforts to train medical personnel  
22 and develop the capabilities of other existing health-  
23 care infrastructure to diagnose, treat, and care for  
24 childhood cancer;

1           (4) improve access to affordable and essential  
2       medicines and technologies that treat childhood can-  
3       cer;

4           (5) elevate and prioritize efforts to reduce the  
5       mortality rate of childhood cancer in international  
6       organizations such as the United Nations;

7           (6) pursue research and research partnerships  
8       with international institutions to identify low-cost  
9       interventions and best practices to diagnose, treat,  
10      and care for childhood cancer in the United States  
11      and globally; and

12          (7) improve partnerships with international  
13      health ministries and pharmaceutical companies to  
14      facilitate efforts for broader, global clinical trials for  
15      medicines to treat or care for childhood cancer in  
16      the United States and globally.

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION.**

18      The Secretary of State, in coordination with the  
19      heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies, is au-  
20      thorized and encouraged to—

21          (1) pursue public-private partnerships, other re-  
22      search partnerships, and innovative financing mech-  
23      anisms to address childhood cancer globally; and

1           (2) coordinate with appropriate agencies of the  
2       United Nations and other relevant multilateral orga-  
3       nizations to address childhood cancer globally.

4   **SEC. 6. REPORT.**

5       Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
6   of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the  
7   Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-  
8   tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-  
9   ate a report that includes the following:

10           (1) An assessment of opportunities for United  
11       States engagement in global efforts to increase the  
12       worldwide survival rate of children with cancer.

13           (2) An assessment of efforts taken by the  
14       United States to support efforts to increase the  
15       worldwide survival rate of children with cancer.

16           (3) An assessment of existing programs funded  
17       by the United States that could be expanded to sup-  
18       port efforts to increase the worldwide survival rate  
19       of children with cancer.

20           (4) An assessment of how such increased inter-  
21       national engagement could positively affect—

22                   (A) survival rates of individuals with child-  
23       hood cancer in the United States; and

24                   (B) reductions in the rates of infant and  
25       pediatric morbidity and mortality.

1 **SEC. 7. COST LIMITATION.**

2 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-  
3 priated to carry out the provisions of this Act.

4 **SEC. 8. CHILDHOOD CANCER DEFINED.**

5 In this Act, the term “childhood cancer” means can-  
6 cers formed or diagnosed in individuals under the age of  
7 20.

Passed the House of Representatives January 28,  
2020.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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