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# H. R. 4768

To amend section 511 of the Social Security Act to reduce maternal mortality by continuing to invest in evidence-based home visiting models that are addressing the social determinants of maternal health and morbidity.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Mr. SUOZZI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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## A BILL

To amend section 511 of the Social Security Act to reduce maternal mortality by continuing to invest in evidence-based home visiting models that are addressing the social determinants of maternal health and morbidity.

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 “Home Visiting to Re-  
3 duce Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN TRIBAL SET-ASIDE PERCENTAGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 511(j)(2)(A) of the Social  
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 711(j)(2)(A)) is amended by  
7 striking “3” and inserting “6”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

10 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN FUNDING.**

11 Section 511(j)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
12 U.S.C. 711(j)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
14 graph (G); and

15 (2) by striking subparagraph (H) and inserting  
16 the following:

17 “(H) \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
18 2017 through 2020;

19 “(I) \$600,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;  
20 and

21 “(J) \$800,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.”.

22 **SEC. 4. USE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**

23 Section 511(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 711(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(6) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO PROVIDE AD-  
26 DITIONAL RESOURCES TO ADDRESS HIGH RATES OF

1       MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY, SUPPORT  
2       UNMET NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY THE NEEDS ASSESS-  
3       MENT, OR INCREASE ALLOCATIONS TO STATES AND  
4       TERRITORIES BASED ON RELATIVE POPULATION OR  
5       POVERTY.—The Secretary shall ensure that any  
6       amounts exceeding \$400,000,000 that are used for  
7       grants under this subsection for a fiscal year are  
8       used to—

9               “(A) provide additional funding priority to  
10           States, tribes, and territories to address high  
11           rates of maternal mortality and morbidity docu-  
12           mented in needs assessments conducted under  
13           subsection (b) or performed under other Fed-  
14           eral programs;

15               “(B) address unmet needs identified by a  
16           needs assessment conducted under subsection  
17           (b); or

18               “(C) increase the amounts allocated under  
19           this section to States and to Puerto Rico,  
20           Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mar-  
21           iana Islands, and American Samoa, based on  
22           the proportion of children who have not at-  
23           tained 5 years of age and are living in pov-  
24           erty.”.

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