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To revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education
for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act).

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2018

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. YOUNG, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

JULY 9, 2018

Reported by Mr. ALEXANDER, with an amendment

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A BILL

To revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion
and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early
Act (PREEMIE Act).

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 “Prematurity Research
5 Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants

1 Early Reauthorization Act of 2018” or the “PREEMIE
2 Reauthorization Act of 2018”.

3 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH RELATING TO PRETERM LABOR AND DE-**
4 **LIVERY AND THE CARE, TREATMENT, AND**
5 **OUTCOMES OF PRETERM AND LOW BIRTH-**
6 **WEIGHT INFANTS.**

7 Section 2 of the Prematurity Research Expansion
8 and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 247b–4f) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “clin-
12 ical, biological, social, environmental, genetic,
13 and behavioral factors relating” and inserting
14 “biological, social, and other determinants that
15 contribute to health disparities and are re-
16 lated”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “con-
18 cerning the progress and any results of studies
19 conducted under paragraph (1)” and inserting
20 “regarding activities and studies conducted
21 under paragraph (1), including any applicable
22 analyses of preterm birth. Such report shall be
23 posted on the Internet website of the Depart-
24 ment of Health and Human Services.”;

1 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
2 following:

3 ~~“(c) PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING~~
4 ~~SURVEY.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services,~~
5 ~~acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease~~
6 ~~Control and Prevention, shall—~~

7 ~~“(1) continue systems for the collection of ma-~~
8 ~~ternal-infant clinical and biomedical information, in-~~
9 ~~cluding electronic health records, electronic data-~~
10 ~~bases, and biobanks, to link with the Pregnancy~~
11 ~~Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) and~~
12 ~~other epidemiological studies of prematurity in order~~
13 ~~to track, to the extent practicable, all pregnancy out-~~
14 ~~comes and prevent preterm birth; and~~

15 ~~“(2) provide technical assistance, as appro-~~
16 ~~priate, to support States in improving the collection~~
17 ~~of information pursuant to this subsection.”; and~~

18 ~~(3) in subsection (c), by striking “except for~~
19 ~~subsection (c), \$1,880,000,000 for each of fiscal~~
20 ~~years 2014 through 2018” and inserting~~
21 ~~“\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through~~
22 ~~2023”.~~

1 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION**
 2 **AND SUPPORT SERVICES.**

3 Section 399Q of the Public Health Service Act (42
 4 U.S.C. 280g-5) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “conduct demonstration
 7 projects for the purpose of improving” and in-
 8 serting “continue efforts to improve”; and

9 (B) by striking “for babies born preterm”
 10 and inserting “mothers of infants born preterm,
 11 and infants born preterm, including through
 12 demonstration projects, as appropriate”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 15 by striking “under the demonstration project”;

16 (B) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
 18 graph (A), by striking “programs to test
 19 and evaluate various” and inserting “pro-
 20 grams which, in collaboration with States,
 21 localities, and community organizations,
 22 support”;

23 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
 24 (B) through (F) as subparagraphs (C)
 25 through (G), respectively;

1 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
2 (A), the following:

3 “(B) evidence-based strategies to prevent
4 preterm birth and associated outcomes;”;

5 (iv) in subparagraph (C), as so redes-
6 ignated, by inserting “, and the risks of
7 non-medically indicated deliveries before
8 full term” before the semicolon;

9 (v) in subparagraph (D), as so redes-
10 ignated—

11 (I) in clause (ii), by inserting
12 “intake” before the semicolon;

13 (II) in clause (iii), by striking
14 “and” at the end;

15 (III) by redesignating clause (iv)
16 as clause (vii); and

17 (IV) by inserting after clause
18 (iii), the following:

19 “(iv) screening for and treatment of
20 substance use disorders;

21 “(v) screening and treatment of ma-
22 ternal depression;

23 “(vi) maternal immunization; and”;

1 (vi) in subparagraph (E), as so redes-
 2 ignated, by adding “and” after the semi-
 3 colon;

4 (vii) in subparagraph (F), as so redes-
 5 ignated, by striking “; and” and inserting
 6 a period; and

7 (viii) by striking subparagraph (G), as
 8 so redesignated; and
 9 (C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, as
 10 well as prevention of a future preterm birth”
 11 before the semicolon.

12 **SEC. 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFANT MORTALITY.**

13 Section 104(b) of the PREEMIE Reauthorization
 14 Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–4f note) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (2)—

16 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 17 (A), by striking “and recommendations to the
 18 Secretary concerning the following activities”
 19 and inserting “; recommendations, or informa-
 20 tion to the Secretary as may be necessary to
 21 improve activities and programs to reduce se-
 22 vere maternal morbidity and infant mortality
 23 and preterm birth, which may include rec-
 24 ommendations, advice, or information related to
 25 the following”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants” and inserting “; preterm birth, and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants; and information on cost-effectiveness and outcomes of such programs”;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Implementation of the” and inserting “The”; and

(D) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

“(D) Implementation of Healthy People objectives related to maternal and infant health.

“(E) Strategies to reduce racial, ethnic, geographic, and other health disparities in birth outcomes.

“(F) Strategies, including the implementation of such strategies, to address gaps in Federal research, programs, and education efforts related to the prevention of severe maternal morbidity and infant mortality, and other adverse birth outcomes.”;

(2) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3); and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

1 ~~“(4) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year~~
 2 ~~after the date of enactment of the PREEMIE Reau-~~
 3 ~~thorization Act of 2018, and every 2 years there-~~
 4 ~~after, the Advisory Committee shall—~~

5 ~~“(A) publish a report summarizing activi-~~
 6 ~~ties and recommendations of the Advisory Com-~~
 7 ~~mittee since the publication of the previous re-~~
 8 ~~port;~~

9 ~~“(B) submit such report to the Secretary~~
 10 ~~and the appropriate Committees of Congress;~~
 11 ~~and~~

12 ~~“(C) post such report on the Internet~~
 13 ~~website of the Department of Health and~~
 14 ~~Human Services.”.~~

15 **SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**

16 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and~~
 17 ~~Human Services may establish an interagency working~~
 18 ~~group in order to improve coordination of programs and~~
 19 ~~activities within the Department of Health and Human~~
 20 ~~Services to prevent preterm birth, infant mortality, and~~
 21 ~~related adverse birth outcomes.~~

22 ~~(b) DUTIES.—The working group established under~~
 23 ~~subsection (a) shall—~~

1 (1) identify gaps, duplication, or overlap in
2 Federal programs and activities related to preterm
3 birth and infant mortality;

4 (2) assess the extent to which the goals and
5 metrics of relevant programs and activities within
6 the Department of Health and Human Services are
7 aligned; and

8 (3) assess the extent to which such programs
9 are coordinated across agencies within such Depart-
10 ment; and

11 (4) make specific recommendations, as applica-
12 ble, to reduce or minimize unnecessary duplication
13 and overlap and improve coordination of goals, pro-
14 grams, and activities across agencies within such
15 Department.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
17 on which the working group is established under sub-
18 section (a), the Secretary of Health and Human Services
19 shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education,
20 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on
21 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
22 a report summarizing the findings of the working group
23 under subsection (b) and the specific recommendations to
24 improve Federal programs at the Department of Health
25 and Human Services under subsection (b)(4).

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