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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Parity Implementation
5 Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-**
 2 **STANCE USE DISORDER PARITY IMPLEMEN-**
 3 **TATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2794(c) of the Public
 5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–94(c)) (as added by
 6 section 1003 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
 7 Care Act (Public Law 111–148) is amended by adding at
 8 the end the following:

9 “(3) PARITY IMPLEMENTATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning 60 days
 11 after the date of enactment of the Parity Imple-
 12 mentation Assistance Act, the Secretary shall
 13 award grants to States to implement the mental
 14 health and substance use disorder parity provi-
 15 sions of section 2726, provided that in order to
 16 receive such a grant, a State is required to re-
 17 quest and review from health insurance issuers
 18 offering group or individual health insurance
 19 coverage the comparative analyses and other in-
 20 formation required of such health insurance
 21 issuers under subsection (a)(8)(A) of such sec-
 22 tion 2726 regarding the design and application
 23 of nonquantitative treatment limitations im-
 24 posed on mental health or substance use dis-
 25 order benefits.

1 “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
2 TIONS.—For purposes of awarding grants
3 under subparagraph (A), there are authorized
4 to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for each of the
5 first five fiscal years beginning after the date of
6 the enactment of this paragraph.”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2794 of the
8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-95), as
9 added by section 6603 of the Patient Protection and Af-
10 fordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) is redesignated
11 as section 2795.

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