

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4052

AN ACT

To reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, 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 “Early Hearing Detec-
3 tion and Intervention Act of 2022”.

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM FOR EARLY DE-**
5 **TECTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT RE-**
6 **GARDING DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING**
7 **NEWBORNS, INFANTS, AND YOUNG CHIL-**
8 **DREN.**

9 Section 399M of the Public Health Service Act (42
10 U.S.C. 280g–1) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (e), by inserting “(3)” before
12 “The term ‘medical evaluation’”; and

13 (2) in subsection (f)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking
15 “\$17,818,000 for fiscal year 2018, \$18,173,800
16 for fiscal year 2019, \$18,628,145 for fiscal year
17 2020, \$19,056,592 for fiscal year 2021, and
18 \$19,522,758 for fiscal year 2022” and inserting
19 “\$17,818,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
20 through 2027”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking
22 “\$10,800,000 for fiscal year 2018, \$11,026,800
23 for fiscal year 2019, \$11,302,470 for fiscal year
24 2020, \$11,562,427 for fiscal year 2021, and
25 \$11,851,488 for fiscal year 2022” and inserting

1 “\$10,760,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
2 through 2027”.

3 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY ON STATE EARLY HEARING DETECTION**
4 **AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
6 United States shall conduct a study reviewing State early
7 hearing detection and intervention (in this section referred
8 to as “EHDI”) programs. Such study shall—

9 (1) analyze how information collected through
10 such programs informs what is known about EHDI
11 activities to ensure that newborns, infants, and
12 young children have access to timely hearing
13 screenings and early interventions, including infor-
14 mation on any disparities in such access;

15 (2) analyze what is known about how parents
16 use State EHDI websites to seek health and pro-
17 grammatic guidance related to their child’s hearing
18 loss diagnosis; and

19 (3) identify efforts and any promising practices
20 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
21 the Health Resources and Services Administration,
22 the National Institute on Deafness and Other Com-
23 munication Disorders, and State EHDI programs—

1 (A) to address disparities in outreach for,
2 or access to, timely hearing screenings and
3 early interventions; and

4 (B) to ensure that EHDI follow-up serv-
5 ices are communicated and made available to
6 medically underserved populations, including ra-
7 cial and ethnic minorities.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
10 shall—

11 (1) complete the study under subsection (a) and
12 submit a report on the results of the study to—

13 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
14 merce of the House of Representatives; and

15 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
16 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

17 (2) make such report publicly available.

Passed the Senate December 1, 2022.

Attest:

Secretary.

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