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[Report No. 115–327]

To establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2017

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mrs. WAGNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. BEATTY, and Ms. LOFGREN

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 31, 2017]

A BILL

To establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system.

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 “Stop, Observe, Ask, and*
5 *Respond to Health and Wellness Act of 2017” or the “SOAR*
6 *to Health and Wellness Act of 2017”.*

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 *In this Act:*

9 (1) *HUMAN TRAFFICKING.*—*The term “human*
10 *trafficking” has the meaning given the term “severe*
11 *forms of trafficking in persons” as defined in section*
12 *103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000*
13 *(22 U.S.C. 7102).*

14 (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
15 *the Secretary of Health and Human Services.*

16 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.**

17 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall establish a pro-*
18 *gram to be known as the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond*
19 *to Health and Wellness Training Program or the SOAR*
20 *to Health and Wellness Training Program (in this Act re-*
21 *ferred to as the “Program”) to provide training to health*
22 *care providers and other related providers, at all levels, on*
23 *human trafficking in accordance with the purpose described*
24 *in subsection (c).*

1 (b) *GRANTS.*—*The Secretary may carry out the Pro-*
2 *gram through the award of grants to health care sites and*
3 *health care professional organizations that represent diver-*
4 *sity in—*

5 (1) *geography;*

6 (2) *the demographics of the population served;*

7 (3) *the predominant types of human trafficking*
8 *cases; and*

9 (4) *health care provider profiles.*

10 (c) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the Program shall be*
11 *to train health care providers and other related providers*
12 *to enable such providers to—*

13 (1) *identify potential human trafficking victims;*

14 (2) *implement proper protocols and procedures*
15 *for working with law enforcement to report, and fa-*
16 *cilitate communication with, such victims, in accord-*
17 *ance with all applicable Federal, State, local, and*
18 *tribal requirements, including legal confidentiality re-*
19 *quirements for patients and health care providers;*

20 (3) *implement proper protocols and procedures*
21 *for referring such victims to appropriate health care,*
22 *social, or victims service agencies or organizations;*

23 (4) *provide such victims care that is—*

24 (A) *coordinated;*

25 (B) *victim centered;*

1 (C) *culturally relevant;*

2 (D) *comprehensive;*

3 (E) *evidence-based;*

4 (F) *gender responsive;*

5 (G) *age-appropriate, with a focus on care*
6 *for youth; and*

7 (H) *trauma-informed; and*

8 (5) *consider the potential for integrating the*
9 *training described in paragraphs (1) through (4) with*
10 *training programs, in effect on the date of enactment*
11 *of this Act, for victims of domestic violence, dating vi-*
12 *olence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, child ne-*
13 *glect, child maltreatment, and child sexual exploi-*
14 *tation.*

15 (d) *FUNCTIONS.—*

16 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The functions of the Program*
17 *shall include the functions of the Stop, Observe, Ask,*
18 *and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pro-*
19 *gram that was operating on the day before the date*
20 *of enactment of this Act and the authorized initiatives*
21 *described in paragraph (2).*

22 (2) *AUTHORIZED INITIATIVES.—The authorized*
23 *initiatives of the Program shall include—*

24 (A) *engaging stakeholders, including victims*
25 *of human trafficking and any Federal, State,*

1 local, or tribal partners, to develop a flexible
2 training module—

3 (i) for achieving the purpose described
4 in subsection (c); and

5 (ii) that adapts to changing needs, set-
6 tings, health care providers, and other re-
7 lated providers;

8 (B) providing technical assistance for health
9 education programs and health care professional
10 organizations to implement health care protocols,
11 or develop continuing education training mate-
12 rials, that assist in achieving the purpose de-
13 scribed in subsection (c);

14 (C) facilitating the dissemination of best
15 practices and recommendations as the Secretary
16 determines appropriate; and

17 (D) developing a reliable methodology for
18 collecting data, and reporting such data, on the
19 number of human trafficking victims identified
20 and served in health care settings or other re-
21 lated provider settings.

22 **SEC. 4. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIRE-**
23 **MENTS.**

24 (a) *DATA COLLECTION.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—During each of fiscal years
2 2018 through 2022, the Secretary shall collect data on
3 each of the following:

4 (A) *The total number of grantees operating*
5 *under the Program.*

6 (B) *The total number of health care pro-*
7 *viders and other related providers trained*
8 *through the Program.*

9 (2) *INITIAL REPORT.*—In addition to the data
10 required to be collected under paragraph (1), for pur-
11 poses of the initial report to be submitted under sub-
12 section (b), the Secretary shall collect data on the
13 total number of facilities and health care professional
14 organizations that were operating under, and the
15 total number of health care providers and other re-
16 lated providers trained through, the Stop, Observe,
17 Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training
18 program that was operating before the establishment
19 under section 3(a) of the Program.

20 (b) *REPORTING.*—Not later than 90 days after the first
21 day of each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023, the Secretary
22 shall prepare and submit to Congress a report on the data
23 collected under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out*
3 *this Act \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through*
4 *2022.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program to address human trafficking in the health care system.”.

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