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To reauthorize and make improvements to Federal programs relating to the prevention, detection, and treatment of traumatic brain injuries, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

JULY 2, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. VINDMAN

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To reauthorize and make improvements to Federal programs relating to the prevention, detection, and treatment of traumatic brain injuries, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROGRAMS TO PREVENT, DETECT, AND TREAT**
 4 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES.**

5 (a) THE BILL PASCRELL, JR., NATIONAL PROGRAM
 6 FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND
 7 REGISTRIES.—

8 (1) PREVENTION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-
 9 JURY.—Section 393B of the Public Health Service
 10 Act (42 U.S.C. 280b–1c) is amended—

11 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “and
 12 prevalence” after “incidence”;

13 (B) in subsection (b)—

14 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting
 15 “and reduction of associated injuries and
 16 fatalities” before the semicolon;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting
 18 “and related risk factors” before the semi-
 19 colon; and

20 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

21 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
 22 paragraph (A), by striking “2020”
 23 each place it appears and inserting
 24 “2030”; and

25 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (aa) in clause (i), by striking
2 “; and” and inserting “of trau-
3 matic brain injury;”;

4 (bb) by redesignating clause
5 (ii) as clause (iv);

6 (cc) by inserting after clause
7 (i) the following:

8 “(ii) populations at higher risk of
9 traumatic brain injury, including popu-
10 lations whose increased risk is due to occu-
11 pational or circumstantial factors;

12 “(iii) causes of, and risk factors for,
13 traumatic brain injury; and”;

14 (dd) in clause (iv), as so re-
15 designated, by striking “arising
16 from traumatic brain injury” and
17 inserting “, which may include
18 related mental health and other
19 conditions, arising from trau-
20 matic brain injury, including”;
21 and

22 (C) in subsection (c), by inserting “, and
23 other relevant Federal departments and agen-
24 cies” before the period at the end.

1 (2) NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAUMATIC
2 BRAIN INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND REGISTRIES.—
3 Section 393C of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 280b–1d) is amended—

5 (A) by amending the section heading to
6 read as follows: “**THE BILL PASCRELL, JR.,**
7 **NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAUMATIC**
8 **BRAIN INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND REG-**
9 **ISTRIES**”;

10 (B) in subsection (a)—

11 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
12 (1), by inserting “to identify populations
13 that may be at higher risk for traumatic
14 brain injuries, to collect data on the causes
15 of, and risk factors for, traumatic brain in-
16 juries,” after “related disability,”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (1), by inserting “,
18 including the occupation of the individual,
19 when relevant to the circumstances sur-
20 rounding the injury” before the semicolon;
21 and

22 (iii) in paragraph (4), by inserting
23 “short- and long-term” before “outcomes”;

24 (C) by striking subsection (b);

1 (D) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
2 section (b);

3 (E) in subsection (b), as so redesignated,
4 by inserting “and evidence-based practices to
5 identify and address concussion” before the pe-
6 riod at the end; and

7 (F) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
9 retary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Dis-
10 ease Control and Prevention, shall make publicly available
11 aggregated information on traumatic brain injury and
12 concussion described in this section, including on the
13 website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
14 Such website, to the extent feasible, shall include aggre-
15 gated information on populations that may be at higher
16 risk for traumatic brain injuries and strategies for pre-
17 venting or reducing risk of traumatic brain injury that are
18 tailored to such populations.”.

19 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
20 Section 394A of the Public Health Service Act (42
21 U.S.C. 280b–3) is amended—

22 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “1994,
23 and” and inserting “1994,”; and

1 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2020
2 through 2024” and inserting “2026 through
3 2030”.

4 (b) STATE GRANT PROGRAMS.—

5 (1) STATE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS REGARDING
6 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—Section 1252 of the
7 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–52) is
8 amended—

9 (A) in subsection (b)(2)—

10 (i) by inserting “, taking into consid-
11 eration populations that may be at higher
12 risk for traumatic brain injuries” after
13 “outreach programs”; and

14 (ii) by inserting “Tribal,” after
15 “State,”;

16 (B) in subsection (c), by adding at the end
17 the following:

18 “(3) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—With respect
19 to activities for which a grant awarded under sub-
20 section (a) is to be expended, a State or American
21 Indian consortium shall agree to maintain expendi-
22 tures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at
23 a level that is not less than the level of such expendi-
24 tures maintained by the State or American Indian
25 consortium for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal

1 year for which the State or American Indian consor-
2 tium receives such a grant.

3 “(4) WAIVER.—The Secretary may, upon the
4 request of a State or American Indian consortium,
5 waive not more than 50 percent of the matching
6 fund amount under paragraph (1), if the Secretary
7 determines that such matching fund amount would
8 result in an inability of the State or American In-
9 dian consortium to carry out the purposes under
10 subsection (a). A waiver provided by the Secretary
11 under this paragraph shall apply only to the fiscal
12 year involved.”;

13 (C) in subsection (e)(3)(B)—

14 (i) by striking “(such as third party
15 payers, State agencies, community-based
16 providers, schools, and educators)”;

17 (ii) by inserting “(such as third party
18 payers, State agencies, community-based
19 providers, schools, and educators)” after
20 “professionals”;

21 (D) in subsection (h), by striking para-
22 graphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

23 “(1) AMERICAN INDIAN CONSORTIUM; STATE.—

24 The terms ‘American Indian consortium’ and ‘State’
25 have the meanings given such terms in section 1253.

1 “(2) TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
3 graph (B), the term ‘traumatic brain injury’—

4 “(i) means an acquired injury to the
5 brain;

6 “(ii) may include—

7 “(I) brain injuries caused by an-
8 oxia due to trauma; and

9 “(II) damage to the brain from
10 an internal or external source that re-
11 sults in infection, toxicity, surgery, or
12 vascular disorders not associated with
13 aging; and

14 “(iii) does not include brain dysfunc-
15 tion caused by congenital or degenerative
16 disorders, or birth trauma.

17 “(B) REVISIONS TO DEFINITION.—The
18 Secretary may revise the definition of the term
19 ‘traumatic brain injury’ under this paragraph,
20 as the Secretary determines necessary, after
21 consultation with States and other appropriate
22 public or nonprofit private entities.”; and

23 (E) in subsection (i), by striking “2020
24 through 2024” and inserting “2026 through
25 2030”.

1 (2) STATE GRANTS FOR PROTECTION AND AD-
2 VOCACY SERVICES.—Section 1253(l) of the Public
3 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–53(l)) is
4 amended by striking “2020 through 2024” and in-
5 serting “2026 through 2030”.

6 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act as
9 the “Secretary”) shall submit to the Committee on
10 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and
11 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
12 of Representatives a report that contains—

13 (1) an overview of populations who may be at
14 higher risk for traumatic brain injury, such as indi-
15 viduals affected by domestic violence or sexual as-
16 sault and public safety officers as defined in section
17 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
18 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284);

19 (2) an outline of existing surveys and activities
20 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
21 on traumatic brain injuries and any steps the agency
22 has taken to address gaps in data collection related
23 to such higher risk populations, which may include
24 leveraging surveys such as the National Intimate

1 Partner and Sexual Violence Survey to collect data
2 on traumatic brain injuries;

3 (3) an overview of any outreach or education ef-
4 forts to reach such higher risk populations; and

5 (4) any challenges associated with reaching
6 such higher risk populations.

7 (d) STUDY ON LONG-TERM SYMPTOMS OR CONDI-
8 TIONS RELATED TO TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
10 tion with stakeholders and the heads of other rel-
11 evant Federal departments and agencies, as appro-
12 priate, shall conduct, either directly or through a
13 contract with a nonprofit private entity, a study to—

14 (A) examine the incidence and prevalence
15 of long-term or chronic symptoms or conditions
16 in individuals who have experienced a traumatic
17 brain injury;

18 (B) examine the evidence base of research
19 related to the chronic effects of traumatic brain
20 injury across the lifespan;

21 (C) examine any correlations between trau-
22 matic brain injury and increased risk of other
23 conditions, such as dementia and mental health
24 conditions;

1 (D) assess existing services available for
2 individuals with such long-term or chronic
3 symptoms or conditions; and

4 (E) identify any gaps in research related to
5 such long-term or chronic symptoms or condi-
6 tions of individuals who have experienced a
7 traumatic brain injury.

8 (2) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than 2 years
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary shall—

11 (A) submit to the Committee on Energy
12 and Commerce of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Health, Education,
14 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report de-
15 tailing the findings, conclusions, and rec-
16 ommendations of the study described in para-
17 graph (1); and

18 (B) in the case that such study is con-
19 ducted directly by the Secretary, make the re-
20 port described in subparagraph (A) publicly
21 available on the website of the Department of
22 Health and Human Services.

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