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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an interagency task force on youth health and wellness to encourage community-supported physical activity spaces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Prioritizing Lifestyle
5 and Activity for Youth Act” or the “PLAY Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Playgrounds help enhance children’s cog-
2 nitive functions and build important creative think-
3 ing and problem-solving skills that contributes to
4 their emotional and physical well-being.

5 (2) Playgrounds are critical to children’s phys-
6 ical and mental health, and every child in America
7 deserves access to a safe and quality place to play.

8 (3) Local green spaces can reduce surface heat
9 temperatures by 10 to 20 degrees, which has become
10 the number one weather-related killer in the United
11 States.

12 (4) Safe and accessible playgrounds are proven
13 public health infrastructure that promote physical
14 activity, reduce chronic disease risk, support social-
15 emotional development, and strengthen community
16 cohesion.

17 **SEC. 3. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON CHILD WELLNESS**
18 **AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
21 Health and Human Services shall establish a task force
22 to be known as the “Task Force on Child Wellness and
23 Physical Activity Infrastructure” (in this section referred
24 to as the “Task Force”).

1 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be com-
2 posed of the following members or their designees:

3 (1) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
4 ices.

5 (2) The Secretary of the Interior.

6 (3) The Administrator of the Environmental
7 Protection Agency.

8 (4) The Secretary of Agriculture.

9 (5) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
10 opment.

11 (6) The Secretary of Transportation.

12 (7) The Chair of the Council on Environmental
13 Quality.

14 (8) The Secretary of Defense.

15 (9) The Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers.

16 (10) The Chief Executive Officer of the Cor-
17 poration for National and Community Service.

18 (11) The Secretary of Education.

19 (12) Any other member that the Secretary of
20 Health and Human Services determines to be appro-
21 priate.

22 (c) CHAIRPERSONS.—The Secretary of Health and
23 Human Services and the Secretary of the Interior shall
24 serve as co-chairpersons of the Task Force (in this section
25 referred to as the “Chairpersons”).

1 (d) DUTIES.—

2 (1) TASK FORCE.—The duties of the Task
3 Force shall be—

4 (A) to identify opportunities to formalize
5 coordination between the Department of Health
6 and Human Services, public health and public
7 lands agencies, and partner organizations re-
8 garding the use of outdoor spaces for creating
9 outdoor environments that encourage physical
10 activity and well-being among youth;

11 (B) to identify existing barriers to pro-
12 viding children with opportunities for accessing
13 close-to-home, community-driven, and outdoor
14 spaces;

15 (C) to develop recommendations to better
16 facilitate active play for the promotion of health
17 and well-being, academic learning, and safe
18 community centers;

19 (D) to develop recommendations for how
20 agencies may work together to ensure the abil-
21 ity of child wellness infrastructure to meet the
22 diverse health, environmental, and resiliency
23 needs of the surrounding community; and

24 (E) to identify and promote scalable mod-
25 els, such as public-private partnerships between

1 public, private, and nonprofit sector organiza-
2 tions, that build evidence-based play environ-
3 ments proven to improve children's physical and
4 emotional health.

5 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Task Force shall
6 carry out the duties under paragraph (1) in con-
7 sultation with appropriate health and wellness and
8 outdoor recreation groups, including organizations
9 with experience in community-led playground devel-
10 opment, child health, and physical activity pro-
11 motion.

12 (e) REPORTS.—

13 (1) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later than
14 180 days after the date on which the Task Force is
15 established, the Chairpersons shall submit to the ap-
16 propriate congressional committees a report on the
17 preliminary findings of the Task Force.

18 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
19 after the date of the submittal of the preliminary re-
20 port under paragraph (1), the Chairpersons shall
21 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
22 a report on the findings of the Task Force, which
23 shall include the recommendations developed under
24 subparagraphs (C) and (D) of subsection (d)(1).

1 (f) DURATION.—The Task Force shall terminate on
2 the date that is one year after the date of the submittal
3 of the final report under subsection (e)(2).

4 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
6 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means—

8 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
9 merce of the House of Representatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
11 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

12 (2) CHILD WELLNESS INFRASTRUCTURE.—The
13 term “child wellness infrastructure” means commu-
14 nity-based environments intentionally designed to
15 support children’s physical activity, play, and health.
16 Such infrastructure may include playgrounds, out-
17 door learning spaces, nature play areas, and safe
18 places for movement and social interaction.

19 (3) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands”
20 means any lands under the jurisdiction of the Fed-
21 eral Government or a State or local government.

22 (4) YOUTH.—The term “youth” means any in-
23 dividual under the age of 18.

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