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S. 3944

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the WISEWOMAN program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Mrs. BRITT) 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 “Women’s Heart Health
5 Expansion Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF WISEWOMAN PROGRAM.**

7 Section 1509 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 300n–4a) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 1509. SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL**
2 **PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**

3 “(a) SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROJECTS.—The
4 Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for
5 Disease Control and Prevention, may award supplemental
6 grants to recipients of grants under section 1501 to carry
7 out projects for the purposes of—

8 “(1) providing preventive health services in ad-
9 dition to the services authorized in such section, in-
10 cluding—

11 “(A) screenings regarding blood pressure,
12 cholesterol, obesity, and other relevant risk fac-
13 tors; and

14 “(B) evidence-based health education of-
15 fered by a qualified provider to improve a meas-
16 urable health outcome, such as blood pressure,
17 cholesterol, diabetes, or obesity;

18 “(2) providing appropriate referrals for medical
19 treatment of women receiving services pursuant to
20 paragraph (1) and ensuring, to the extent prac-
21 ticable, the provision of appropriate follow-up serv-
22 ices; and

23 “(3) evaluating activities conducted under para-
24 graphs (1) and (2) through appropriate surveillance
25 or program-monitoring activities and reporting to
26 the Secretary on such activities.

1 “(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES.—Women eligible
 2 for services pursuant to a grant under subsection (a) shall
 3 include—

4 “(1) women eligible for services pursuant to a
 5 grant made under section 1501; and

6 “(2) other women who are high-risk and meet
 7 such eligibility criteria as the Secretary may specify.

8 “(c) AUTHORIZED PROVIDERS.—Health services pro-
 9 vided pursuant to a grant under subsection (a) shall be
 10 provided by—

11 “(1) an entity screening women for breast and
 12 cervical cancer pursuant to a grant under section
 13 1501; or

14 “(2) other health care entities, as the Secretary
 15 determines.

16 “(d) FUNDING.—To carry out this section, there is
 17 authorized to be appropriated \$250,000,000 for the period
 18 of fiscal years 2027 through 2031.”.

19 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

20 Not later than September 30, 2027, the Comptroller
 21 General of the United States shall report to the Committee
 22 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate
 23 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
 24 House of Representatives on the work of the Well-Inte-

1 grated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the
2 Nation Program, including—

3 (1) an estimate of the number of individuals eli-
4 gible for services provided under such program;

5 (2) a summary of trends in the number of indi-
6 viduals served through such program;

7 (3) an assessment of any factors that may be
8 driving the trends identified under paragraph (2),
9 including any barriers to accessing cardiovascular
10 health screenings provided by such program; and

11 (4) an analysis of the cost-effectiveness of such
12 program with respect to patient outcomes, such as
13 blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, or obesity.

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