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H. R. 2560

To establish a program for an information clearinghouse to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mrs. CAPPES, and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Automatic
5 Defibrillation in Adam’s Memory Act”, or the “ADAM
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Heart disease is the leading cause of death
2 in the United States.

3 (2) 220,000 Americans die each year of sudden
4 cardiac arrest.

5 (3) The American Heart Association estimates
6 that the lives of 50,000 cardiac arrest victims could
7 be saved each year through initiating a course of ac-
8 tion known as the chain of survival.

9 (4) The chain of survival includes prompt noti-
10 fication of emergency services and early
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (referred to in this
12 Act as “CPR”), defibrillation, and advanced cardiac
13 life support.

14 (5) An important part of United States school
15 children’s education is learning healthy behaviors,
16 including proper nutrition and physical activity. This
17 health education should also include basic emergency
18 lifesaving skills.

19 (6) Incorporating these lifesaving training pro-
20 grams into the health curriculum of elementary and
21 secondary schools will give school children these
22 skills.

23 (7) Project Automatic Defibrillation in Adam’s
24 Memory (ADAM) has been successful in fostering
25 awareness of the potential for cardiac arrest in the

1 childhood and adolescent population, encouraging
2 improvement of screening procedures, and facili-
3 tating the training of high school staff and students
4 in CPR and the use of automatic external
5 defibrillators (referred to in this Act as “AED”).

6 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ACCESS TO DEFIBRILLATION.**

7 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
8 Health and Human Services shall award a grant to an
9 organization to establish national information clearing-
10 house that provides information to increase public access
11 to defibrillation in schools.

12 (b) DUTIES.—The health care organization that re-
13 ceives a grant under this section shall promote public ac-
14 cess to defibrillation in schools by—

15 (1) providing timely information to entities re-
16 garding public access defibrillation program imple-
17 mentation and development;

18 (2) developing and providing comprehensive
19 program materials to establish a public access
20 defibrillation program in schools;

21 (3) providing support to CPR and AED train-
22 ing programs;

23 (4) fostering new and existing community part-
24 nerships with and among public and private organi-
25 zations (such as local educational agencies, nonprofit

1 organizations, public health organizations, emer-
2 gency medical service providers, fire and police de-
3 partments, and parent-teacher associations) to pro-
4 mote public access to defibrillation in schools;

5 (5) establishing a data base to gather informa-
6 tion in a central location regarding sudden cardiac
7 arrest in the pediatric population and identifying or
8 conducting further research into the problem; and

9 (6) providing assistance to communities that
10 wish to develop screening programs for at risk
11 youth.

12 (c) APPLICATION.—A health care organization desir-
13 ing a grant under this section shall submit an application
14 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accom-
15 panied by such information as the Secretary may reason-
16 ably require.

17 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after receipt
18 of a grant under this section, the health care organization
19 that receives such grant shall prepare and submit to the
20 Secretary of Health and Human Services a report that
21 describes activities carried out with funds received under
22 this section. Not later than 3 months after receipt of such
23 report, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
24 prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Con-

1 gress an evaluation that reviews such report and evaluates
2 the success of such clearinghouse.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From
4 funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2002
5 through 2006 for activities and programs under the De-
6 partment of Health and Human Services, \$800,000 of
7 such funds may be appropriated to carry out the programs
8 described in this Act for each of the fiscal years 2002
9 through 2006.

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