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116TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. AUTISM ACTIVITIES OF HRSA.**

4 Part R of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280i et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 399EE as section
2 399FF; and

3 (2) by inserting after section 399DD the fol-
4 lowing new section:

5 **“SEC. 399EE. AUTISM ACTIVITIES OF HEALTH RESOURCES**
6 **AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Health
8 Resources and Services Administration shall carry out the
9 following activities with respect to autism spectrum dis-
10 order (referred to in this section as ‘ASD’):

11 “(1) Developing and disseminating to all health
12 care providers a multi-disciplinary medical manage-
13 ment model for the diagnosis and care management
14 of individuals with ASD. Such model shall incor-
15 porate and expand upon any existing psychiatric
16 model of the Health Resources and Services Admin-
17 istration.

18 “(2) Conducting research with the objective of
19 developing and providing to health care providers
20 training materials with respect to a treatment life
21 cycle for individuals with ASD who have develop-
22 mental regressions and co-occurring medical condi-
23 tions (such as immunological diseases, gastro-
24 intestinal diseases, neurological disorders, and meta-

1 bolic disorders) and are suffering from pain and
2 multi-symptom medical concerns.

3 “(3) Annually collecting data from the Adminis-
4 trator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-
5 ices and the Secretary of Defense on individuals
6 with ASD who receive medical care through the
7 Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Se-
8 curity Act or the TRICARE program (as defined in
9 section 1072 of title 10, United States Code), re-
10 spectively, including data on the number of emer-
11 gency room visits and hospital stays per year by
12 such individuals and the treatment and treatment
13 outcomes of such individuals.

14 “(b) BIENNIAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
15 than one year after the date of the enactment of this sec-
16 tion, and biennially thereafter, the Administrator of the
17 Health Resources and Services Administration shall sub-
18 mit to Congress a report on recommendations for devel-
19 oping or improving ASD medical treatment plans and
20 screening tools, including emergency care practices with
21 respect to individuals with ASD who also have co-occur-
22 ring medical conditions.”.