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S. 3130

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to award grants to eligible entities to develop, implement, and evaluate approaches and methodologies for prospective randomized control trials for neurorehabilitation treatments for the treatment of chronic mild traumatic brain injury in veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. McCORMICK (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans TBI Adaptive
5 Care Opportunities Nationwide Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM FOR SUPPLEMENTAL**
3 **NEUROREHABILITATION APPROACHES TO**
4 **CHRONIC MILD TBI TREATMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall establish a grant program (to be known as the “TBI
7 Innovation Grant Program”) to award grants to eligible
8 entities for the development, implementation, and evalua-
9 tion of approaches and methodologies for prospective ran-
10 domized control trials for neurorehabilitation treatments
11 for the treatment of chronic mild TBI (in this section re-
12 ferred to “mTBI”) in veterans.

13 (b) DURATION.—The authority of the Secretary to
14 carry out the grant program under this section shall ter-
15minate at the end of the three-year period beginning on
16 the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity in receipt of
18 a grant under this section shall use amounts awarded
19 under such grant to support activities that include—

20 (1) designing and testing novel or integrative
21 treatments for mTBI that prioritize patient-centered
22 care, including non-pharmacological therapies;

23 (2) conducting clinical studies and assessments
24 to measure the effectiveness of funded approaches—

25 (A) to improve mental health outcomes
26 among veterans;

1 (B) to reduce suicidality and common risk
2 factors for completing suicide, including depres-
3 sion and substance use disorders among vet-
4 erans; and

5 (C) to mitigate long-term effects of mTBI;

6 (3) providing training for clinicians and out-
7 reach to veterans and their families to improve
8 awareness and accessibility of innovative mTBI
9 treatments; and

10 (4) establishing partnerships with community
11 organizations, academic institutions, and health care
12 facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to
13 implement and evaluate best practices.

14 (d) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNT.—The Secretary
15 may not award an eligible entity a grant under this section
16 in an amount that exceeds \$5,000,000 per fiscal year.

17 (e) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
18 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
19 that the Secretary determines have demonstrated experi-
20 ence in delivering or researching effective treatments for
21 mTBI.

22 (f) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—

23 (1) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring
24 a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-
25 retary an application in such form, at such time,

1 and containing such information and assurances as
2 the Secretary determines appropriate, including a
3 detailed description of—

4 (A) proposed activities;

5 (B) expected outcomes; and

6 (C) plans for evaluating effectiveness.

7 (2) PERIODIC REPORTS.—An eligible entity in
8 receipt of a grant under this section shall, not less
9 frequently than annually, submit to the Secretary a
10 report that includes, with respect to the period cov-
11 ered by the report—

12 (A) a description of how the eligible entity
13 used such grant;

14 (B) a summary of the progress of activities
15 funded with amounts from such grant; and

16 (C) measured outcomes relating to such
17 activities.

18 (3) OVERSIGHT; ANNUAL EVALUATIONS.—The
19 Secretary shall—

20 (A) ensure rigorous oversight with respect
21 to the grant program under this section; and

22 (B) on an annual basis during the period
23 in which the authority to carry out the grant
24 program is effective, evaluate the efficacy of ac-

1 activities funded with a grant awarded under such
2 program.

3 (g) COORDINATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERV-
4 ICES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—The
5 Secretary shall ensure that the grant program under this
6 section aligns with the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox
7 Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department
8 under section 201 of the Commander John Scott Hannon
9 Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019
10 (Public Law 116–171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F note)—

11 (1) to provide for cohesive and comprehensive
12 support for veterans with mTBI and associated men-
13 tal health conditions; and

14 (2) to increase research and development on in-
15 tegrated mTBI and mental health interventions out-
16 side of the scope of traditional pathways, interven-
17 tions, programs, procedures, and pharmaceuticals of
18 the Department.

19 (h) ANNUAL REVIEW.—Not less frequently than an-
20 nually during the duration of the grant program under
21 this section, the Secretary shall review the effectiveness
22 of such program to determine the potential of such pro-
23 gram for continuation or expansion.

24 (i) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than two
25 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not

1 less frequently than annually thereafter, the Secretary
2 shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

3 (1) the findings of the activities reported under
4 subsection (f)(2); and

5 (2) the recommendations of the Secretary with
6 respect to policy and programmatic improvements to
7 services of the Department of Veterans Affairs to
8 treat TBI among veterans.

9 (j) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
11 prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

12 (k) FUNDING.—

13 (1) AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—The Secretary may
14 carry out the grant program under this section using
15 amounts available to the Secretary for general men-
16 tal health care programs.

17 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
18 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
19 retary \$30,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 through
20 2028 to carry out the grant program under this sec-
21 tion, which shall remain available until expended.

22 (l) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
24 ty” means any of the following:

25 (A) A nonprofit organization.

1 (B) An academic institution engaged in re-
2 search with respect to TBI.

3 (C) A non-Department of Veterans Affairs
4 health care provider with expertise in
5 neurorehabilitative therapies.

6 (D) An entity the Secretary determines ap-
7 propriate for an award of a grant under this
8 section.

9 (2) TBI.—The term “TBI” means traumatic
10 brain injury.

11 (3) TREATMENT.—The term “treatment”, with
12 respect to TBI, means clinical interventions, thera-
13 peutic devices, or rehabilitation care provided di-
14 rectly to a veteran with TBI.

15 (4) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38,
17 United States Code.

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