

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5338

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of State to pursue public-private partnerships, innovative financing mechanisms, research partnerships, and coordination with international and multilateral organizations to address childhood cancer globally, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Global Hope Act of
3 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Approximately 300,000 children aged 0 to
7 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer each year.

8 (2) The most common categories of childhood
9 cancers include leukemia, brain cancer, lymphoma,
10 and solid tumors, such as neuroblastoma and Wilms
11 tumor.

12 (3) Most childhood cancers can be cured with
13 generic medicines and can be cost-effective for all in-
14 come levels.

15 (4) In the United States, the survival rate for
16 children diagnosed with cancer is over 80 percent. In
17 many developing countries, the mortality rate of
18 children diagnosed with cancer is around 80 percent.
19 In some parts of Africa, the mortality rate reaches
20 90 percent.

21 (5) In September 2018, the World Health Or-
22 ganization announced a new effort—the Global Ini-
23 tiative for Childhood Cancer—with the aim of reach-
24 ing at least a 60-percent survival rate for children
25 with cancer by 2030, thereby saving an additional
26 1,000,000 lives.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress as follows:

3 (1) The work of the United States on infectious
4 disease remains the core tenet of United States work
5 on global health.

6 (2) As the United States and international
7 partners continue to succeed in lowering incidences
8 of infectious diseases, global mortality rates of non-
9 communicable diseases will become an increasing
10 burden that must be addressed.

11 (3) The United States should work to support
12 the goals of the World Health Organization Initia-
13 tive for Childhood Cancer, helping increase survival
14 rates for children with cancer.

15 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

16 The United States shall seek to—

17 (1) increase political commitment for childhood
18 cancer diagnosis, treatment, and care globally;

19 (2) support efforts to increase the survival rate
20 of children with cancer globally;

21 (3) support efforts to train medical personnel
22 and develop the capabilities of other existing health-
23 care infrastructure to diagnose, treat, and care for
24 childhood cancer;

1 (4) improve access to affordable and essential
2 medicines and technologies that treat childhood can-
3 cer;

4 (5) elevate and prioritize efforts to reduce the
5 mortality rate of childhood cancer in international
6 organizations such as the United Nations;

7 (6) pursue research and research partnerships
8 with international institutions to identify low-cost
9 interventions and best practices to diagnose, treat,
10 and care for childhood cancer in the United States
11 and globally; and

12 (7) improve partnerships with international
13 health ministries and pharmaceutical companies to
14 facilitate efforts for broader, global clinical trials for
15 medicines to treat or care for childhood cancer in
16 the United States and globally.

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION.**

18 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the
19 heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies, is au-
20 thorized and encouraged to—

21 (1) pursue public-private partnerships, other re-
22 search partnerships, and innovative financing mech-
23 anisms to address childhood cancer globally; and

1 (2) coordinate with appropriate agencies of the
2 United Nations and other relevant multilateral orga-
3 nizations to address childhood cancer globally.

4 **SEC. 6. REPORT.**

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
7 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
8 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
9 ate a report that includes the following:

10 (1) An assessment of opportunities for United
11 States engagement in global efforts to increase the
12 worldwide survival rate of children with cancer.

13 (2) An assessment of efforts taken by the
14 United States to support efforts to increase the
15 worldwide survival rate of children with cancer.

16 (3) An assessment of existing programs funded
17 by the United States that could be expanded to sup-
18 port efforts to increase the worldwide survival rate
19 of children with cancer.

20 (4) An assessment of how such increased inter-
21 national engagement could positively affect—

22 (A) survival rates of individuals with child-
23 hood cancer in the United States; and

24 (B) reductions in the rates of infant and
25 pediatric morbidity and mortality.

1 **SEC. 7. COST LIMITATION.**

2 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
3 priated to carry out the provisions of this Act.

4 **SEC. 8. CHILDHOOD CANCER DEFINED.**

5 In this Act, the term “childhood cancer” means can-
6 cers formed or diagnosed in individuals under the age of
7 20.

Passed the House of Representatives January 28,
2020.

Attest:

Clerk.

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