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H. R. 5338

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2019

Mr. McCAUL (for himself and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign 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 “Global Hope Act of
5 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Cancer is a leading cause of death for chil-
2 dren and adolescents around the world, and approxi-
3 mately 300,000 children aged 0 to 19 years old are
4 diagnosed with cancer each year.

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

9 (3) Most childhood cancers can be cured with
10 generic medicines and can be cost-effective for all in-
11 come levels.

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

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

24 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

25 It is the sense of Congress as follows:

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

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

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

13 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

14 The United States shall seek to—

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

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

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

23 (4) improve access to affordable and essential
24 medicines and technologies that treat childhood can-
25 cer;

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

4 (6) pursue research and research partnerships
5 with international institutions to identify low-cost
6 interventions and best practices to diagnose, treat,
7 and care for childhood cancer globally; and

8 (7) improve partnerships with international
9 health ministries and pharmaceutical companies to
10 facilitate efforts for broader, global clinical trials for
11 medicines to treat or care for childhood cancer.

12 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION.**

13 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the
14 heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies, is au-
15 thorized and encouraged to—

16 (1) pursue public-private partnerships, other re-
17 search partnerships, and innovative financing mech-
18 anisms to address childhood cancer globally; and

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

22 **SEC. 6. REPORT.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
25 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
2 ate a report that includes the following:

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

6 (2) An assessment of efforts taken by the
7 United States to support efforts to increase the
8 worldwide survival rate of children with cancer.

9 (3) An assessment of existing programs funded
10 by the United States that could be expanded to sup-
11 port efforts to increase the worldwide survival rate
12 of children with cancer.

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

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

17 (B) reductions in the rates of infant and
18 pediatric morbidity and mortality.

19 **SEC. 7. COST LIMITATION.**

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

1 **SEC. 8. CHILDHOOD CANCER DEFINED.**

2 In this Act, the term “childhood cancer” means can-
3 cers formed or diagnosed in individuals under the age of
4 20.

