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H. R. 3058

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a program to address the health crisis of insufficient vaccinations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, and Mrs. MCBATH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Vaccination Informa-
5 tion and Promotion Act of 2019” or the “VIP Act of
6 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDRESSING THE HEALTH CRISIS OF INSUFFI-**
2 **CIENT VACCINATIONS.**

3 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in con-
4 sultation with the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
5 trol and Prevention, shall develop and implement a pro-
6 gram to reverse the decline in the rate of childhood vac-
7 cinations, including by—

8 (1) conducting a national effort to increase pub-
9 lic awareness of and knowledge about the benefits of
10 childhood vaccinations;

11 (2) supporting the development of a broad
12 range of communication tools to inform the public
13 on the importance of vaccinations;

14 (3) acting through the Director of the National
15 Institutes of Health, making more readily available
16 on federally hosted social media specific information
17 from the scientific and medical community on the
18 importance of vaccinations to the health and well-
19 being of infants, children, young adults, adults, and
20 the elderly; and

21 (4) awarding grants and other financial assist-
22 ance to public and private educational institutions,
23 and non-governmental (including nonprofit) and
24 other appropriate entities that serve children, stu-
25 dents, and the elderly, to implement vaccination edu-
26 cation programs.

1 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

2 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
3 conduct, and submit to the Congress a report on the re-
4 sults of, a study on the change over time in public atti-
5 tudes toward childhood vaccinations and the reasons un-
6 derlying such changes.

7 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 To carry out this Act, there is authorized to be appro-
9 priated \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
10 2025.

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