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S. 1805

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a guide on evidence-based strategies for building and maintaining effective obesity prevention and control programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Better Tools for
5 Healthy Living Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GUIDE ON EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES FOR**
2 **STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OBESITY PRE-**
3 **VENTION PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF AN EVI-
5 DENCE-BASED STRATEGIES GUIDE.—The Secretary of
6 Health and Human Services (referred to in this section
7 as the “Secretary”), acting through the Director of the
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, not later than
9 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, shall—

10 (1) develop a guide on evidence-based strategies
11 for State and local health departments, Indian
12 Tribes, and Tribal organizations to use to build and
13 maintain effective obesity prevention and control
14 programs, which shall—

15 (A) describe an integrated program struc-
16 ture for implementing interventions proven to
17 be effective in preventing, controlling, and re-
18 ducing obesity; and

19 (B) recommend—

20 (i) optimal resources, including staff-
21 ing and infrastructure, for promoting nu-
22 trition and obesity prevention, control and
23 reduction; and

24 (ii) strategies for effective obesity pre-
25 vention programs for State and local
26 health departments, Indian Tribes, and

1 Tribal organizations, including strategies
2 related to—

3 (I) the application of evidence-
4 based practices to prevent, control,
5 and reduce obesity rates;

6 (II) demonstrated knowledge of
7 obesity prevention practices that re-
8 duce associated preventable diseases,
9 health conditions, death, and health
10 care costs; and

11 (III) interdisciplinary coordina-
12 tion between relevant public health of-
13 ficials specializing in fields such as
14 nutrition, physical activity, epidemi-
15 ology, communications, and policy im-
16 plementation; and

17 (2) disseminate the guide and current research,
18 evidence-based practices, tools, and educational ma-
19 terials related to obesity prevention, consistent with
20 the guide, to State and local health departments, In-
21 dian Tribes, and Tribal organizations.

22 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, acting
23 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
24 and Prevention, shall provide technical assistance to State
25 and local health departments, Indian Tribes, and Tribal

1 organizations to support such health departments in im-
2 plementing the guide developed under subsection (a)(1).

3 (c) INDIAN TRIBES; TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The
4 terms “Indian Tribe” and “Tribal organization” have the
5 meanings given the terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal orga-
6 nization”, respectively, in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-
7 termination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
8 5304).

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