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To establish a national system for individuals to register for the administration of a COVID–19 vaccine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN 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 “Vaccine Administra-
5 tion Centralization to Coordinate and Improve National
6 Execution Act” or the “VACCINE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR COVID–19 VACCINATION AD-**
8 **MINISTRATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants
10 to States to enable such States to establish, expand, or

1 provide a statewide system as the sole and exclusive means
2 by which individuals may register for the administration
3 of a COVID–19 vaccine in such State.

4 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
6 grant, a State shall establish mechanisms, including
7 an internet website and a call center, through which
8 a resident of such State that elects to receive a vac-
9 cine may register to receive administration of a
10 COVID–19 vaccine in that State.

11 (2) CRITERIA.—A State that receives a grant
12 under this section shall comply with criteria estab-
13 lished by the Secretary for carrying out activities
14 under such grant.

15 (3) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—An internet
16 website or a call center established pursuant to para-
17 graph (1) shall, to the extent practicable, provide to
18 the residents of the State involved information on at
19 least the following:

20 (A) The date on which a resident becomes
21 eligible for the administration of a COVID–19
22 vaccine.

23 (B) The locations at which the resident
24 may receive administration of a COVID–19 vac-
25 cine.

1 (C) The hours of operation at each such
2 location.

3 (c) NATIONAL COMMUNICATION MECHANISM.—The
4 Secretary shall establish communication mechanisms, in-
5 cluding an internet website and a call center, through
6 which any individual may receive information on each
7 State mechanism established pursuant to subsection
8 (b)(1).

9 (d) ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE STANDARDS.—For pur-
10 poses of establishing the statewide systems described in
11 subsection (a), the Secretary shall establish standards and
12 the architecture to allow for and promote the electronic
13 exchange of information required to facilitate coordination
14 between and among Federal, State, local, Tribal, and ter-
15 ritorial entities and public and private health care entities
16 for the administration of a COVID–19 vaccine to individ-
17 uals eligible and registered to receive such a vaccine.

18 (e) FUNDING.—Of the funds in the Public Health
19 Emergency Fund under section 319(b) of the Public
20 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d(b)), the Secretary
21 may use such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
22 section.

23 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

1 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
2 the 50 States and the District of Columbia, each of
3 the territories, and Indian tribes.

4 (g) SUNSET.—This section shall be in effect only
5 until the date on which the duration of the public health
6 emergency declared by the Secretary under section 319
7 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on Jan-
8 uary 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19 (including any
9 renewal thereof) terminates.

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