

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1478

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vital Standardization
3 of Thoughtful Administrative Techniques and Statistics
4 Act of 2021” or the “Vital STATS Act of 2021”.

5 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF VITAL STATISTICS**
6 **REPORTING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services shall enter into an agreement with the
9 National Academy of Medicine under which the National
10 Academy agrees to conduct a one-year study assessing the
11 effectiveness of current vital statistics reporting and data
12 sharing between State, local, Tribal, and Federal agencies
13 and the degree to which there is divergence between State,
14 local, Tribal, and Federal vital statistics reporting.

15 (b) REPORT.—The agreement entered into under
16 subsection (a) shall require the National Academy of Med-
17 icine to, not later 1 year after the date on which the agree-
18 ment is entered into, to submit to Congress a report con-
19 taining the findings of the study conducted pursuant to
20 such subsection. Such report shall include recommenda-
21 tions with respect to—

22 (1) coordination and standardization of State,
23 local, Tribal, and Federal vital statistics reporting
24 methods, including the efficiency, effectiveness, and
25 transparency of such reporting; and

1 (2) the feasibility of setting national standards
2 for death reporting and collecting vital statistics.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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