

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 66

To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permanently extend the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2021

Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Mrs. McBATH) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permanently extend the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

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 “Comprehensive Access
5 to Robust Insurance Now Guaranteed for Kids Act” or
6 “CARING for Kids Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH**
2 **INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(a)(28) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(a)(28)) is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 “(28) for fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
7 year, such sums as are necessary to fund allotments
8 to States under subsections (c) and (m).”.

9 (b) ALLOTMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(m) of the So-
11 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(m)) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking “,,
14 2023, and 2027” and inserting “and 2023”;

15 (B) in paragraph (7)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
17 “and ending with fiscal year 2027,”; and

18 (ii) in the flush left matter at the end,
19 by striking “or fiscal year 2026” and in-
20 serting “fiscal year 2026, or a subsequent
21 even-numbered fiscal year”;

22 (C) in paragraph (9)—

23 (i) by striking “(10), or (11)” and in-
24 serting “or (10)”;

25 (ii) by striking “2023, or 2027,” and
26 inserting “or 2023”;

1 (D) by striking paragraph (11).

2 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
3 50101(b)(2) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018
4 (Public Law 115–123) is repealed.

5 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT EXTENSIONS OF OTHER PROGRAMS**
6 **AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

7 (a) PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEASURES PROGRAM.—
8 Section 1139A(i)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1320b–9a(i)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking at the end
11 “and”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
13 at the end and insert a semicolon; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 paragraphs:

16 “(E) for fiscal year 2028, \$15,000,000 for
17 the purpose of carrying out this section (other
18 than subsections (e), (f), and (g)); and

19 “(F) for a subsequent fiscal year, the
20 amount appropriated under this paragraph for
21 the previous fiscal year, increased by the per-
22 centage increase in the consumer price index for
23 all urban consumers (all items; United States
24 city average) over such previous fiscal year, for

1 the purpose of carrying out this section (other
2 than subsections (e), (f), and (g)).”.

3 (b) EXPRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY OPTION.—Section
4 1902(e)(13) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1396a(e)(13)) is amended by striking subparagraph (I).

6 (c) ASSURANCE OF AFFORDABILITY STANDARD FOR
7 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2105(d)(3) of the
9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(d)(3)) is
10 amended—

11 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
12 “THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (A), in the matter
14 preceding clause (i)—

15 (i) by striking “During the period
16 that begins on the date of enactment of
17 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
18 Act and ends on September 30, 2027” and
19 inserting “Beginning on the date of the en-
20 actment of the Patient Protection and Af-
21 fordable Care Act”;

22 (ii) by striking “During the period
23 that begins on October 1, 2019, and ends
24 on September 30, 2027” and inserting
25 “Beginning on October 1, 2019”; and

1 (iii) by striking “The preceding sen-
 2 tences shall not be construed as preventing
 3 a State during any such periods from” and
 4 inserting “The preceding sentences shall
 5 not be construed as preventing a State
 6 from”.

7 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
 8 1902(gg)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 9 1396a(gg)(2)) is amended—

10 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 11 “THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027”; and

12 (B) by striking “through September 30”
 13 and all that follows through “ends on Sep-
 14 tember 30, 2027” and inserting “(but begin-
 15 ning on October 1, 2019,”.

16 (d) QUALIFYING STATES OPTION.—Section
 17 2105(g)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 18 1397ee(g)(4)) is amended—

19 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “FOR
 20 FISCAL YEARS 2009 THROUGH 2027” and inserting
 21 “AFTER FISCAL YEAR 2008”; and

22 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “for any
 23 of fiscal years 2009 through 2027” and inserting
 24 “for any fiscal year after fiscal year 2008”.

1 (e) OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT PROGRAM.—Sec-
2 tion 2113 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397mm)
3 is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “during
6 the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2027”
7 and inserting “, beginning with fiscal year
8 2009,”;

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by striking “10 percent of such
11 amounts” and inserting “10 percent of
12 such amounts for the period or the fiscal
13 year for which such amounts are appro-
14 priated”; and

15 (ii) by striking “during such period”
16 and inserting “, during such period or such
17 fiscal year,”; and

18 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “For the
19 period of fiscal years 2024 through 2027, an
20 amount equal to 10 percent of such amounts”
21 and inserting “Beginning with fiscal year 2024,
22 an amount equal to 10 percent of such amounts
23 for the period or the fiscal year for which such
24 amounts are appropriated”; and

25 (2) in subsection (g)—

1 (A) by striking “2017,,” and inserting
 2 “2017,”;

3 (B) by striking “and \$48,000,000” and in-
 4 serting “\$48,000,000”; and

5 (C) by inserting after “through 2027” the
 6 following: “, \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2028,
 7 and, for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2028,
 8 the amount appropriated under this subsection
 9 for the previous fiscal year, increased by the
 10 percentage increase in the consumer price index
 11 for all urban consumers (all items; United
 12 States city average) over such previous fiscal
 13 year”.

14 (f) CHILD ENROLLMENT CONTINGENCY FUND.—
 15 Section 2104(n) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 16 1397dd(n)) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—

19 (i) by striking “and 2024 through
 20 2026” and inserting “beginning with fiscal
 21 year 2024”; and

22 (ii) by striking “2023, and 2027” and
 23 inserting “, and 2023”; and

24 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) by striking “2024 through 2026”
2 and inserting “beginning with fiscal year
3 2024”; and

4 (ii) by striking “2023, and 2027” and
5 inserting “, and 2023”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

7 (A) by striking “fiscal years 2024 through
8 2026” and inserting “beginning with fiscal year
9 2024”; and

10 (B) by striking “2023, or 2027” and in-
11 serting “, or 2023”.

○