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# The A.C.R.E.S. Act of 2020

## A Bill

## Section 1.

This Bill known as H.R.1973 would also be referred to as the Autism Collaboration, Research, Education, and Support (A.C.R.E.S) Act.

## Section 2

This bill authorizes and revises several programs and activities relating to autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Specifically, the bill reauthorizes provisions relating to (1) expanded ASD research at the National Institutes of Health; (2) the collection of state-level ASD data by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; (3) ASD education, early detection, and intervention activities supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and (4) the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee.

The bill also generally revises the scope of such programs and activities to (1) encompass ASD individuals of all ages, rather than only youth; (2) focus funding on programs in areas with a shortage of personal health services; and (3) reduce health-outcome disparities across diverse populations.

## Section 3

There are authorized to be appropriated \$296,000,000 for all of the fiscal years 2020 to 2024 to be provided to programs and activities relating to ASD

#### Section 4

Section

399BB of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i-1) is amended--

In this section individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities" and inserting individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities"; by striking ``children with autism spectrum disorder" and all that follows through individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities across their lifespan in subsection. They will be apart of group programs that are to help them in life and some of the funding up in section 3 will go to those programs

### Section 5

Developmental Disabilities Surveillance and Research Program.-Section 399AA of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280i) is

amended--

In this section, by striking relevant State and local public health officials, private sector developmental disability researchers, and advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities and inserting `State, local, and Tribal public health officials, private sector development disability researchers, advocates for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, and advocates for individuals with other developmental disabilities the other half of the funding will go to research to help find cures for ASD