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To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency who incur qualifying injuries to the brain, to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Department of State who incur similar injuries, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE

June 1, 2022

Mr. Wolf of Georgia (for himself) introduced the following bill

AN ACT

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Victims of Neurological Attacks Act”

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO PAY PERSONNEL OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FOR CERTAIN INJURIES TO THE BRAIN.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” mean— the congressional intelligence committees (as that term is defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003));
- (2) COVERED DEPENDENT.—The term “covered dependent” has the meaning given in subsection (d)(1) of section 19 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3519), as added by subsection (b).

- (3) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term “covered employee” has the meaning given in section 19A(a) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3519b(a)).
 - (4) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered individual” has the meaning given in section 19A(a) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3519b(a)).
 - (5) QUALIFYING INJURY.—The term “qualifying injury” has the meaning given in subsection (d)(1) of section 19 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3519), as added by subsection (b)
- (b) PAYMENT AUTHORIZED.—Section 19A of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C.3519b) is amended by adding at the end the following:
- “(d) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR QUALIFYING INJURIES TO THE BRAIN.—**
- “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:**
- “(A) COVERED DEPENDENT.—The term ‘covered dependent’ has the meaning given in subsection (a), except that the assigned duty station need not be in a foreign country.**
- “(B) QUALIFYING INJURY.—The term ‘qualifying injury’ has the meaning given in subsection (a), except that the assigned duty station need not be in a foreign country.**
- “(2) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law but subject to paragraph (3), the Director may provide payment to a covered dependent, a covered employee, and a covered individual for a qualifying injury to the brain.**
- “(3) LIMITATIONS.—**
- “(A) APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—Payment under paragraph (2) in a fiscal year may only be made using amounts appropriated in advance specifically for payments under such paragraphs in such a fiscal year.**
- “(B) MATTER OF PAYMENTS.—Payments under paragraph (2) using amounts appropriated for such purpose shall be made on a first come, first serve, or pro rata basis.**
- “(C) AMOUNTS OF PAYMENTS.—The total amount of funding obligated for payments under paragraph (2) may not exceed the amount specifically appropriated for providing payments under such paragraph during its period of availability.**
- “(4) REGULATIONS.—**
- “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.**
- “(B) ELEMENTS.—The regulations prescribed under subparagraph (A) shall include regulations detailing fair and equitable criteria for payment under paragraph (2).”**

(c) **APPLICABILITY.**—Payment under subsection (d) of such section, as added by subsection (b) of this section, may be made available for a qualifying injury to the brain that occurs before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency considers appropriate.

(d) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **REPORT ON USE OF AUTHORITY.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 365 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the use of the authority provided by section 19A(d) of such Act, as added by subsection (b) of this section.

(B) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) A budget or spend plan for the use of the authority described in subparagraph (A) for the subsequent fiscal year.

(ii) Information relating to the use of the authority described in subparagraph (A) for the preceding year, including the following:

(I) The total amount expended.

(II) The number of covered dependents, covered employees, and covered individuals for whom payments were made.

(III) The amounts that were provided to each person described in subclause (II).

(iii) An assessment of whether additional authorities are required to ensure that covered dependents, covered employees, and covered individuals can receive payments for qualifying injuries, such as a qualifying injury to the back or heart.

(C) **FORM.**—The report submitted under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in classified form.

(2) **REPORT ON ESTIMATED COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.**—Not later than March 1, 2022, the Director shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report detailing an estimate of the obligation that the Director expects to incur in providing payment under section 19A(d) of such Act, as added by subsection (b) of this section, in fiscal year 2023.

(e) **REGULATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall prescribe regulations required under section 19A(d)(4)(A) of such Act, as added by subsection (b) of this section.

(2) **NOTICE TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 210 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the regulations prescribed in accordance with paragraph (1).

(f) **CLARIFYING AMENDMENT.**—Section 19A(b) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C.3519b(b)) is amended, in the subsection heading, by inserting “TOTAL DISABILITY RESULTING FROM” before “CERTAIN INJURIES”.

SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO PAY PERSONNEL OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR CERTAIN INJURIES TO THE BRAIN.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

- (1) **DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—the congressional foreign affairs committees
- (2) **COVERED DEPENDENT.**—The term “covered dependent” has the meaning given in subsection i) of (22 U.S.C. 2680b).
- (3) **COVERED EMPLOYEE.**—The term “covered dependent” has the meaning given in subsection i) of (22 U.S.C. 2680b).
- (4) **COVERED INDIVIDUAL.**—The term “covered individual” has the meaning given in subsection i) of (22 U.S.C. 2680b).
- (5) **QUALIFYING INJURY.**—The term “qualifying injury” has the meaning given in subsection i) of (22 U.S.C. 2680b).

(b) **IN GENERAL.**—22 U.S.C. 2680b is amended—

- (1) in subsection (f), by striking “subsection (a) or (b)” both places it appears and inserting “subsection (a), (b), or (i)”; and
- (2) in subsection (h)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “IN GENERAL.—This section” and inserting “ADJUSTMENT OF COMPENSATION PROVISION.—Subsections (a) and (b)”; and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(2) OTHER PAYMENT PROVISION.—Payment under subsection (i) may be made available for a qualifying injury (as defined in such subsection) that occurs before, on, or after the date of the enactment of the Victims of Neurological Attacks Act.”; and

- (3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) COVERED DEPENDENT.—The term ‘covered dependent’ has the meaning given in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

“(B) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term ‘covered employee’ has the meaning given in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

“(C) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘covered individual’ has the meaning given in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

“(D) QUALIFYING INJURY.—The term ‘qualifying injury’ has the meaning given in subsection (e), except that the assigned duty station need not be in the Republic of Cuba, the People’s Republic of China, or another foreign country.

“(2) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law but subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of State or other agency head with an employee may provide payment to a covered dependent, a dependent of a former employee, a covered employee, a former employee, and a covered individual for a qualifying injury to the brain.

“(3) LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—Payment under paragraph (2) in a fiscal year may only be made using amounts appropriated in advance specifically for payments under such paragraphs in such a fiscal year.

“(B) MATTER OF PAYMENTS.—Payments under paragraph (2) using amounts appropriated for such purpose shall be made on a first come, first serve, or pro rata basis.

“(C) AMOUNTS OF PAYMENTS.—The total amount of funding obligated for payments under paragraph (2) may not exceed the amount specifically appropriated for providing payments under such paragraph during its period of availability.

“(4) REGULATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or other agency head described in paragraph (2) that provides payment under such paragraph shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.

“(B) ELEMENTS.—The regulations prescribed under subparagraph (A) shall include regulations detailing fair and equitable criteria for payment under paragraph (2).”.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) REPORTS ON USE OF AUTHORITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 365 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and each other agency head that makes a payment under subsection (i) of (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b) of this section, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the use of the authority provided by such subsection (i).

(B) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

- (i)** A budget or spend plan for the use of the authority described in subparagraph (A) for the subsequent fiscal year.
- (ii)** Information relating to the use of the authority described in subparagraph (A) for the preceding year, including the following:
 - (I)** The total amount expended.
 - (II)** The number of covered dependents, covered employees, and covered individuals for whom payments were made.
 - (III)** The amounts that were provided to each person described in subclause (II).

- (iii) An assessment of whether additional authorities are required to ensure that covered dependents, covered employees, and covered individuals can receive payments for qualifying injuries, such as a qualifying injury to the back or heart.

(C) FORM.—The report submitted under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in classified form.

- (2) REPORTS ON ESTIMATED COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.— Not later than March 1, 2022, the Secretary of State and each other agency head that makes a payment under subsection (i) of (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b) of this section, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report detailing an estimate of the obligation that the Director expects to incur in providing payment under such subsection (i) in fiscal year 2023.

(d) REGULATIONS.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and each other agency head that makes a payment under subsection (i)(2) of (22 U.S.C. 2680b), as added by subsection (b) of this section, shall prescribe regulations required under subsection (i)(4)(A) of such Act.
- (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 210 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the agency heads described in paragraph (1) shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the regulations prescribed in accordance with paragraph (1).