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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To guarantee that grants are made under the health profession opportunity grant program under section 2008 of the Social Security Act to grantees in each State that is not a territory, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PASCRELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Health Opportunities
5 to Promote Equity Act” or the “HOPE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GUARANTEE OF GRANTEES IN EACH STATE AND**
2 **THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; REPORTS TO**
3 **THE CONGRESS.**

4 Section 2008 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1397g) is amended by redesignating subsections (c) and
6 (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively, and by insert-
7 ing after subsection (b) the following:

8 “(c) GUARANTEE OF GRANTEES IN EACH STATE AND
9 THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, the
11 Secretary shall award a grant under this section to
12 at least 2 eligible entities in each State that is not
13 a territory, to the extent there are a sufficient num-
14 ber of applications submitted by the entities that
15 meet the requirements applicable with the grant. If,
16 for a fiscal year, there are fewer than 2 such eligible
17 entities in such a State, the Secretary shall include
18 that information in the report required by paragraph
19 (2) that covers the fiscal year.

20 “(2) REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.—During
21 each Congress, the Secretary shall submit to the
22 Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
23 Representatives and the Committee on Finance of
24 the Senate a report on, with respect to the period
25 since the period covered in the most recent prior re-
26 port submitted under this paragraph—

1 “(A) the number of applications submitted
2 under each subsection of this section;

3 “(B) the number of the applications that
4 were approved; and

5 “(C) a description of how grants were
6 made in any case described in the last sentence
7 of paragraph (1).”.

8 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
10 on October 1, 2019.