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H. R. 10356

To amend section 511 of the Social Security Act to provide a resource directory and more opportunities for mothers to succeed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. FISCHBACH 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 “Empowering Moms
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MOMS.GOV.**

7 Section 511 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 711) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(m) RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR MOMS.—

2 “(1) UPDATING OF MOMS.GOV WEBSITE.—

3 “(A) WEBSITE.—Not later than 1 year
4 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
5 the Secretary shall update the governmental
6 website, entitled ‘moms.gov’. The Secretary may
7 not delegate implementation or administration
8 of the website below the level of the Office of
9 the Secretary. The website shall include the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(i) A clearinghouse of relevant re-
12 sources available for pregnant and
13 postpartum women, and women parenting
14 young children.

15 “(ii) A series of questions through
16 which a user is able to generate a list of
17 relevant resources of interest within the
18 user’s ZIP Code.

19 “(iii) A means to direct the user to
20 identify whether to list the relevant re-
21 sources of interest that are available online
22 or within 1, 5, 10, 50, and 100 miles of
23 the user.

24 “(iv) A mechanism for users to take
25 an assessment through the website and

1 provide consent to use the user’s contact
2 information, which the Secretary may use
3 to conduct outreach via phone or email to
4 follow up with users on additional re-
5 sources that would be helpful for the users
6 to review.

7 “(B) RESOURCE LIST AGGREGATION.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
9 shall invite each State to provide rec-
10 ommendations of relevant resources re-
11 ferred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) for such
12 State.

13 “(ii) CRITERIA FOR MAKING REC-
14 OMMENDATIONS.—The Secretary shall de-
15 velop criteria to provide to the States to
16 determine whether resources recommended
17 as described in clause (i) should appear on
18 the website. Such criteria shall include the
19 requirement that the relevant resource is
20 not a prohibited entity.

21 “(iii) GRANT PROGRAM.—

22 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-
23 retary shall provide grants to States
24 to establish or support a system
25 that—

1 “(aa) aggregates relevant re-
2 sources referred to in subpara-
3 graph (A)(iii), in accordance with
4 the criteria developed under
5 clause (ii) of this subparagraph;
6 and

7 “(bb) may be coordinated, to
8 the extent determined appro-
9 priate by the State, by a state-
10 wide, regionally-based, or com-
11 munity-based public or private
12 entity.

13 “(II) APPLICATIONS.—To be eli-
14 gible to receive a grant under sub-
15 clause (I), a State shall submit an ap-
16 plication to the Secretary at such
17 time, in such manner, and containing
18 such information as the Secretary
19 may require, including a plan for out-
20 reach and awareness activities, and a
21 list of relevant resources that would
22 be included in the State system sup-
23 ported by the grant.

24 “(C) PROHIBITION REGARDING CERTAIN
25 ENTITIES.—Relevant resources listed on the

1 website, and any additional resources promoted
2 by the Secretary, may not include any resource
3 offered by a prohibited entity. No prohibited en-
4 tity may receive a grant provided under sub-
5 paragraph (B)(iii).

6 “(D) SERVICES IN DIFFERENT LAN-
7 GUAGES.—The Secretary shall ensure that the
8 website provides the widest possible access to
9 services for families who speak languages other
10 than English.

11 “(E) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
13 180 days after the date on which the
14 website is updated under this paragraph,
15 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
16 report on—

17 “(I) the traffic of the website;

18 “(II) user feedback on the acces-
19 sibility and helpfulness of the website
20 in tailoring to the user’s needs;

21 “(III) insights on gaps in rel-
22 evant resources with respect to serv-
23 ices for pregnant and postpartum
24 women, or women parenting young
25 children;

1 “(IV) suggestions on how to im-
2 prove user experience and accessibility
3 based on user feedback and missing
4 resources that would be helpful to in-
5 clude in future updates; and

6 “(V) certification that no prohib-
7 ited entities are listed as a relevant
8 resource or are in receipt of a grant
9 under subparagraph (B)(iii).

10 “(ii) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The report
11 under clause (i) shall not include any per-
12 sonal identifying information regarding in-
13 dividuals who have used the website.

14 “(F) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
15 TIONS.—To carry out this paragraph, there are
16 authorized to be appropriated such sums as
17 may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2027
18 through 2032.

19 “(G) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

20 “(i) PROHIBITED ENTITY.—The term
21 ‘prohibited entity’ means an entity, includ-
22 ing any affiliate, subsidiary, successor, and
23 clinic of the entity, that—

24 “(I) is an organization described
25 in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

1 Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
2 from tax under section 501(a) of such
3 Code;

4 “(II) is an essential community
5 provider described in section 156.235
6 of title 45, Code of Federal Regula-
7 tions (as in effect on the date of the
8 enactment of this Act), that is pri-
9 marily engaged in family planning
10 services, reproductive health, and re-
11 lated medical care; and

12 “(III) provides for abortions,
13 other than an abortion—

14 “(aa) if the pregnancy is the
15 result of an act of rape or incest;
16 or

17 “(bb) in the case where a
18 woman suffers from a physical
19 disorder, physical injury, or phys-
20 ical illness, including a life-en-
21 dangering physical condition
22 caused by, or arising from, the
23 pregnancy itself, that would, as
24 certified by a physician, place the

1 woman in danger of death unless
2 an abortion is performed.

3 “(ii) RELEVANT RESOURCES.—The
4 term ‘relevant resources’ means the Fed-
5 eral, State, local governmental, and private
6 resources that serve pregnant and
7 postpartum women, or women parenting
8 young children in the categories of the fol-
9 lowing topics:

10 “(I) Mentorship opportunities,
11 including pregnancy and parenting
12 help and case management resources.

13 “(II) Health and well-being serv-
14 ices, including women’s medical serv-
15 ices such as obstetrical and gynecol-
16 ological support services for women,
17 abortion pill reversal, breastfeeding,
18 general health services, primary care,
19 and dental care.

20 “(III) Financial assistance, work
21 opportunities, nutrition assistance,
22 childcare, and education opportunities
23 for parents.

24 “(IV) Material or legal support,
25 including transportation, food, nutri-

1 tion, clothing, household goods, baby
2 supplies, housing, shelters, maternity
3 homes, tax preparation, legal support
4 for child support, family leave,
5 breastfeeding protections, and custody
6 issues.

7 “(V) Recovery and mental health
8 services, including services with re-
9 spect to addiction or suicide interven-
10 tion, intimate partner violence, sexual
11 assault, rape, sex trafficking, and
12 counseling for women and families
13 surrounding unexpected loss of a
14 child.

15 “(VI) Prenatal diagnostic serv-
16 ices, including disability support orga-
17 nizations, medical interventions for a
18 baby, perinatal hospice resources,
19 pregnancy and infant loss support,
20 and literature on pregnancy wellness.

21 “(VII) Healing and support serv-
22 ices for abortion survivors and their
23 families.

24 “(VIII) Services providing
25 childcare, adoption, foster care, and

1 short term childcare services and re-
2 sources.

3 “(IX) Comprehensive information
4 on alternatives to abortion.

5 “(X) Information about abortion
6 risks, including complications and fail-
7 ures.

8 “(XI) Links to information on
9 child development from moment of
10 conception.

11 “(2) LIST OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAIL-
12 ABLE TO PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTERS.—The Sec-
13 retary shall compile and maintain on the website a
14 publicly available list of Federal funding opportuni-
15 ties available to nonprofit and health care entities
16 for pregnancy support services that offer or provide
17 the relevant resources (as defined in paragraph
18 (1)(G)).”.