Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 670, With Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

118TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H.R.670

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a clearinghouse on intellectual disabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 31, 2023

Mr. Molinaro (for himself and Ms. Sherrill) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a clearinghouse on intellectual disabilities, 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 "Think Differently
- 5 Database Act".

1	SEC. 2. PROMOTING AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE RE-
2	SOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABIL-
3	ITIES.
4	(a) In General.—Not later than 3 years after the
5	date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
6	and Human Services (in this section referred to as the
7	"Secretary") shall establish and update periodically a pub-
8	licly available website to provide information with respect
9	to resources and information for people with a disability
10	and the caregivers and families of such people. Such
11	website shall include—
12	(1) information on eligibility to receive medical
13	assistance under a State plan under the Medicaid
14	program under title XIX of the Social Security Act
15	(42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (or a waiver of such plan)
16	based on a disability, including general information
17	about eligibility under subclauses (XIII), (XV),
18	(XVI), and (XIX) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of
19	the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
20	1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii));
21	(2) which States offer eligibility under sub-
22	clauses (XIII), (XV), (XVI), and (XIX) of section
23	1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42
24	U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii));
25	(3) each State's specific eligibility requirements,
26	if applicable, under subclauses (XIII), (XV), (XVI),

1	and (XIX) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the So-
2	cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii));
3	(4) information about how to contact each
4	State's Medicaid office for information about Med-
5	icaid, including links and phone numbers for State
6	contacts;
7	(5) general information on Medicaid-covered
8	long-term services and supports that may be avail-
9	able to individuals eligible for medical assistance
10	under a State plan under the Medicaid program
11	under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42
12	U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (or a waiver of such plan); and
13	(6) where applicable, the average amount of
14	time that individuals newly enrolled in a State's
15	waiver program for home and community-based
16	services in the past 12 months were on the list of
17	individuals waiting to enroll in such waiver program,
18	in such a manner and process as described in section
19	441.311(d)(1)(iii) of title 42, Code of Federal Regu-
20	lations.
21	(b) Promotion.—The Secretary shall, as applicable
22	and appropriate, identify and disseminate promotional ac-
23	tivities to improve, among people with a disability and the
24	caretakers and families of such people, the awareness of
25	the resources included in the website established under

- 1 subsection (a), such as through collaboration with the So-
- 2 cial Security Administration during its annual updates to
- 3 the Red Book.
- 4 (c) Model.—In establishing the website under this
- 5 section, the Secretary may use the website
- 6 thinkdifferently.net as a model.
- 7 (d) Nonapplication of Paperwork Reduction
- 8 Act.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (com-
- 9 monly referred to as the "Paperwork Reduction Act of
- 10 1995"), shall not apply to the implementation of this sec-
- 11 tion.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a website to promote awareness of available resources for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.".