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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Public Health Service Act, to establish within the Office of Minority Health, the position of Outreach Coordinator, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Washington 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 title may be cited as the “Grant Assistance and
5 Technical Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH COORDINATOR.**

2 Section 1707(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 300u–6(d)) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(4) OUTREACH COORDINATOR.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out sub-
7 section (b), the Secretary shall establish within
8 the Office, the position of Outreach Coordi-
9 nator. The Outreach Coordinator shall be ap-
10 pointed by the Secretary, and shall report di-
11 rectly to the Director in the Office of Minority
12 Health.

13 “(B) DUTIES.—The duties of the Outreach
14 Coordinator shall consist of assisting commu-
15 nity-based organizations navigate the applica-
16 tion for, and any associated conditions on the
17 receipt of, funding available to nongovernmental
18 organizations under grant programs adminis-
19 tered by the Secretary.

20 “(C) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance
21 under subparagraph (B), the Outreach Coordi-
22 nator shall give priority to community-based or-
23 ganizations that—

24 “(i) have had a significant impact on
25 the community served by the organization
26 involved, with respect to providing cul-

1 turally competent and culturally specific
2 care;

3 “(ii) demonstrate a connection to
4 marginalized groups in the community
5 served by the organization involved; and

6 “(iii) have less experience in applying
7 for an receiving funding described in sub-
8 paragraph (B).”.

9 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZA-**
10 **TIONS.**

11 Section 1707(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42
12 U.S.C. 300u–6(e)) is amended by adding at the end the
13 following:

14 “(4) ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGA-
15 NIZATIONS.—The Deputy Assistant Secretary shall
16 award grants to State and local public health enti-
17 ties for purposes of—

18 “(A) coordinating with community-based
19 organizations for the purposes of public health
20 messaging and assisting in carrying out pro-
21 grams administered by the Secretary;

22 “(B) hiring and training employees of such
23 entities;

24 “(C) subgranting funds to community-
25 based organizations to carry out programs to

1 promote health priorities in marginalized com-
2 munities; and

3 “(D) providing technical assistance to such
4 organizations to meet reporting requirements
5 under grant programs administered by the Sec-
6 retary.”.