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H. R. 4443

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Correctional Health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2000

Mr. STRICKLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Office of Correctional
5 Health Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF CORRECTIONAL**
7 **HEALTH.**

8 Title XVII of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300u et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following section:

1 “OFFICE OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTH

2 “SEC. 1711. (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established
3 within the Office of Public Health and Science an office
4 to be known as the Office of Correctional Health (in this
5 section referred to as the ‘Office’), which shall be headed
6 by a director appointed by the Secretary. The Secretary
7 shall carry out this section acting through the Director
8 of the Office.

9 “(b) GENERAL DUTIES.—The Secretary shall carry
10 out public health activities regarding individuals who are
11 employees in Federal or State penal or correctional insti-
12 tutions or who are incarcerated in such institutions (which
13 activities regarding such individuals are referred to in this
14 section as ‘correctional health activities’). Correctional
15 health activities that may be carried out under the pre-
16 ceding sentence include activities regarding disease pre-
17 vention, health promotion, service delivery, research, and
18 health professions education.

19 “(c) CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out correc-
20 tional health activities under subsection (b), the Secretary
21 shall—

22 “(1) coordinate all correctional health programs
23 within the Department of Health and Human Serv-
24 ices;

1 “(2) provide technical support to State and
2 local correctional agencies on correctional health
3 issues;

4 “(3) cooperate with other Federal agencies car-
5 rying out correctional health programs to ensure co-
6 ordination of such programs;

7 “(4) consult with, and provide outreach to,
8 State directors of correctional health and providers
9 of correctional health care; and

10 “(5) facilitate the exchange of information re-
11 garding correctional health activities.

12 “(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall annu-
13 ally submit to the Congress a report describing the correc-
14 tional health activities carried out under this section. The
15 report shall include a description of the status of correc-
16 tional health activities in the United States.

17 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING AGENCY
18 JURISDICTION.—With respect to correctional health pro-
19 grams that are carried out by agencies of the Public
20 Health Service and were in operation as of the day before
21 the date of the enactment of the Office of Correctional
22 Health Act of 2000, this section may not be construed
23 as requiring the Secretary to transfer jurisdiction for the
24 programs from such agencies to the office established in
25 subsection (a).

1 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
3 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
4 each of the fiscal years 2001 through 2005.”.

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