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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BUCSHON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Diagnostic Testing for  
5 Public Health Labs Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES TO**  
2 **ACQUIRE HIGH-THROUGHPUT DIAGNOSTIC**  
3 **EQUIPMENT.**

4 Section 2821 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 300hh–31) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
7 section (c);

8 (2) in subsection (c), as so redesignated—

9 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),  
10 and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-  
11 spectively, and moving the margin of each such  
12 redesignated subparagraph 2 ems to the right;  
13 and

14 (B) by striking “There are authorized to  
15 be appropriated to carry out this section” and  
16 inserting the following:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
18 appropriated to carry out subsection (a)”;

19 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(b) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES  
22 TO ACQUIRE HIGH-THROUGHPUT DIAGNOSTIC EQUIP-  
23 MENT.—

24 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through  
25 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and  
26 Prevention, shall award grants to eligible entities to

1 assist such entities in purchasing high-throughput  
2 diagnostic equipment and related supplies.

3 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant  
4 under paragraph (1), an entity shall—

5 “(A) be—

6 “(i) a State, local, or Tribal public  
7 health laboratory;

8 “(ii) a laboratory within a public  
9 health laboratory network coordinated or  
10 managed by the Centers for Disease Con-  
11 trol and Prevention;

12 “(iii) a laboratory not described in  
13 clause (i) or (ii) that the Secretary deter-  
14 mines (at the Secretary’s discretion) pro-  
15 vides population-based testing for the pre-  
16 vention and control of infectious, commu-  
17 nicable, genetic, or chronic diseases; or

18 “(iv) a consortium of 2 or more enti-  
19 ties described in any of clauses (i) through  
20 (iii); and

21 “(B) submit to the Secretary an applica-  
22 tion at such time, in such manner, and con-  
23 taining such information as the Secretary may  
24 reasonably require.

1           “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received  
2 through a grant under this subsection shall be used  
3 to purchase high-throughput diagnostic equipment  
4 and such materials as are necessary to administer,  
5 store, and process applicable tests, including diag-  
6 nostic and serological tests.

7           “(4) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of a  
8 grant under paragraph (1) may not exceed  
9 \$2,000,000, except in the case of eligible entity de-  
10 scribed in paragraph (2)(A)(iv).

11           “(5) HIGH-THROUGHPUT DIAGNOSTIC EQUIP-  
12 MENT DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘high-  
13 throughput diagnostic equipment’ means legally-  
14 marketed equipment and supplies capable of per-  
15 forming multichannel analysis for use in clinical lab-  
16 oratory diagnostic testing.”; and

17           (4) by adding at the end of subsection (c), as  
18 redesignated, the following new paragraph:

19           “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

20           “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
21 carrying out subsection (b), there is authorized  
22 to be appropriated \$250,000,000 for fiscal year  
23 2020, to remain available until expended.

24           “(B) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the  
25 amount made available to carry out subsection

1 (b) for any fiscal year, the Secretary may not  
2 use more than 5 percent of such amount for the  
3 expenses of administering subsection (b).”.