

retary of Education, shall prepare and submit to the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee of the Senate and the Energy and Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives a progress report on activities related to autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.

**(b) Contents**

The report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain—

(1) a description of the progress made in implementing the provisions of the Combating Autism Act of 2006;

(2) a description of the amounts expended on the implementation of the particular provisions of Combating<sup>1</sup> Autism Act of 2006;

(3) information on the incidence of autism spectrum disorder and trend data of such incidence since December 19, 2006;

(4) information on the average age of diagnosis for children with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities, including how that age may have changed over the 6-year period beginning on December 19, 2006;

(5) information on the average age for intervention for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities, including how that age may have changed over the 6-year period beginning on December 19, 2006;

(6) information on the average time between initial screening and then diagnosis or rule out for individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities, as well as information on the average time between diagnosis and evidence-based intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities;

(7) information on the effectiveness and outcomes of interventions for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, including by various subtypes, and other developmental disabilities and how the age of the child may affect such effectiveness;

(8) information on the effectiveness and outcomes of innovative and newly developed intervention strategies for individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities; and

(9) information on services and supports provided to individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities who have reached the age of majority (as defined for purposes of section 1415(m) of title 20).

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399DD, as added Pub. L. 109-416, §3(a), Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2828; amended Pub. L. 112-32, §2(4), Sept. 30, 2011, 125 Stat. 361.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Combating Autism Act of 2006, referred to in subsection (b)(1), (2), is Pub. L. 109-416, Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2821. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2006 Amendment note set out under section 201 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-32, §2(4)(A), substituted “Not later than 2 years after September 30, 2011” for “Not later than 4 years after December 19, 2006”.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be preceded by “the”.

Subsec. (b)(4), (5). Pub. L. 112-32, §2(4)(B), substituted “the 6-year period beginning on December 19, 2006” for “the 4-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act”, which for purposes of codification was translated as “the 4-year period beginning on December 19, 2006”.

**§ 280i-4. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) Developmental disabilities surveillance and research program**

To carry out section 280i of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$22,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2014.

**(b) Autism education, early detection, and intervention**

To carry out section 280i-1 of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$48,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

**(c) Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee; certain other programs**

To carry out sections 280i-2, 283j, and 284g of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$161,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399EE, as added Pub. L. 109-416, §4(a), Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2829; amended Pub. L. 112-32, §3, Sept. 30, 2011, 125 Stat. 361.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-32 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section authorized appropriations for fiscal years 2007 to 2011.

PART S—HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAMS

SUBPART I—NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH CARE

CODIFICATION

Subpart is based on subpart I of part S of title III of act July 1, 1944, as added by Pub. L. 111-148, title III, §3011, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 378. No subpart II has been enacted.

**§ 280j. National strategy for quality improvement in health care**

**(a) Establishment of national strategy and priorities**

**(1) National strategy**

The Secretary, through a transparent collaborative process, shall establish a national strategy to improve the delivery of health care services, patient health outcomes, and population health.

**(2) Identification of priorities**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary shall identify national priorities for improvement in developing the strategy under paragraph (1).

**(B) Requirements**

The Secretary shall ensure that priorities identified under subparagraph (A) will—

- (i) have the greatest potential for improving the health outcomes, efficiency, and patient-centeredness of health care for all populations, including children and vulnerable populations;