“(6) a description of the standards for accreditation described in subsection (e), including any variations in those standards, and any efforts to create and maintain consistent standards across organizations that accredit poison control centers; and

“(7) the number of and reason for any waivers provided under subsection (d).”.

SEC. 404. KAY HAGAN TICK ACT.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Kay Hagan Tick Act”.

(b) COMBATING VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES.—Title III of the Public Health Service Act is amended by inserting after section 317T (42 U.S.C. 247b–22) the following:

“SEC. 317U. NATIONAL STRATEGY AND REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

“(1)(A) ensure the development and implementation of a national strategy to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, that—

“(i) identifies and assesses gaps and any unnecessary duplication in federally-funded programs; and

“(ii) identifies strategic goals to address such diseases and appropriate benchmarks to
measure progress toward achieving such goals;

and

“(B) update such strategy, as appropriate; and

“(2) coordinate programs and activities, including related to data collection, research, and the development of diagnostics, treatments, vaccines, and other related activities, to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, across the Department of Health and Human Services and with other Federal agencies or departments, as appropriate.

“(b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall consult with the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group established under section 2062 of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 284s) and other individuals, as appropriate, such as—

“(1) epidemiologists with experience in vector-borne diseases;

“(2) representatives of patient advocacy and research organizations that focus on vector-borne diseases, including such organizations that have demonstrated experience in related research, public health, data collection, or patient access to care;

“(3) health information technology experts or other information management specialists;
“(4) clinicians, entomologists, vector management professionals, public health professionals, and others with expertise in vector-borne diseases; and

“(5) researchers, including researchers with experience conducting translational research.

“(c) CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to institutions of higher education for the establishment or continued support of regional centers of excellence in vector-borne diseases to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, by—

“(1) facilitating collaboration between academia and public health organizations for public health surveillance, prevention, and response activities related to vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases;

“(2) providing training for public health entomologists and other health care professionals, as appropriate, to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases;

“(3) conducting research to develop and validate prevention and control tools and methods, including evidence-based and innovative, evidence-in-
formed tools and methods to anticipate and respond to disease outbreaks; or

“(4) preparing for and responding to outbreaks of vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases.

“(d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under subsection (c), an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including a description of how the entity will conduct the activities described in such subsection.

“(e) REPORTS.—

“(1) PROGRAM SUMMARY.—An entity receiving an award under subsection (c) shall, not later than one year after receiving such award, and annually thereafter, submit to the Secretary a summary of programs and activities funded under the award.

“(2) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, a report on the progress made in addressing vector-borne diseases, including
tick-borne diseases, through activities carried out under this section.

“(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.”.

(e) ENHANCING CAPACITY TO ADDRESS VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES.—Subtitle C of title XXVIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-31 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 2822. ENHANCED SUPPORT TO ASSIST HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN ADDRESSING VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may enter into cooperative agreements with health departments of States, political subdivisions of States, and Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in areas at high risk of vector-borne diseases in order to increase capacity to identify, report, prevent, and respond to such diseases and related outbreaks.

“(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to enter into a cooperative agreement under this section, an entity described in subsection (a) shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner,
and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
quire, including a plan that describes—

“(1) how the applicant proposes to develop or
expand programs to address vector-borne disease
risks, including through—

“(A) related training and workforce devel-
opment;

“(B) programmatic efforts to improve ca-
pacity to identify, report, prevent, and respond
to such disease and related outbreaks; and

“(C) other relevant activities identified by
the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention, as appropriate;

“(2) the manner in which the applicant will co-
ordinate with other Federal, Tribal, and State agen-
cies and programs, as applicable, related to vector-
borne diseases, as well as other relevant public and
private organizations or agencies; and

“(3) the manner in which the applicant will
evaluate the effectiveness of any program carried out
under the cooperative agreement.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
purposes of carrying out this section, there are authorized
to be appropriated $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years
2021 through 2025.”.