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S. 756

To provide for prostate cancer imaging research and education.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Prostate Research, Im-
5 aging, and Men’s Education Act” or the “PRIME Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROSTATE CAN-**
7 **CER IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES.**

8 (a) **EXPANSION OF RESEARCH.**—The Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act as
10 the “Secretary”), acting through the Director of the Na-
11 tional Institutes of Health and in consultation with the

1 Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a program to expand
2 and intensify research to develop innovative advanced im-
3 aging technologies for prostate cancer detection, diagnosis,
4 and treatment comparable to state-of-the-art mammog-
5 raphy technologies.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
8 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

9 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.**

10 (a) NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.—The Secretary shall carry
11 out a national campaign to increase the awareness and
12 knowledge of Americans with respect to the need for pros-
13 tate cancer screening and for improved detection tech-
14 nologies.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The national campaign con-
16 ducted under subsection (a) shall include—

17 (1) roles for the Health Resources Services Ad-
18 ministration, the Office on Minority Health of the
19 Department of Health and Human Services, the
20 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the
21 Office of Minority Health of the Centers for Disease
22 Control and Prevention; and

23 (2) the development and distribution of written
24 educational materials, and the development and
25 placing of public service announcements, that are in-

1 tended to encourage men to seek prostate cancer
2 screening and to create awareness of the need for
3 improved imaging technologies for prostate cancer
4 detection and minimally invasive treatment.

5 (c) RACIAL DISPARITIES.—In developing the national
6 campaign under subsection (a), the Secretary shall recog-
7 nize and address the racial disparities in the incidences
8 of prostate cancer and mortality rates with respect to such
9 disease.

10 (d) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall establish a pro-
11 gram to award grants to nonprofit private entities to en-
12 able such entities to test alternative outreach and edu-
13 cation strategies to increase the awareness and knowledge
14 of Americans with respect to the need for prostate cancer
15 screening and improved imaging technologies.

16 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
18 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

19 **SEC. 4. IMPROVING PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING BLOOD**
20 **TESTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordination
22 with the Secretary of Defense, shall carry out research to
23 develop an improved prostate cancer screening blood test
24 using in-vitro detection.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
3 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

4 **SEC. 5. REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE.**

5 (a) REPORT AND STRATEGY.—Not later than 6
6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to Congress a report that details the
8 strategy of the Secretary for implementing the require-
9 ments of this Act and the status of such efforts.

10 (b) FULL COMPLIANCE.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
12 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that—

13 (1) contains assurances that the provisions of
14 this Act are fully implemented; and

15 (2) certifies such compliance, or in the case of
16 a Federal agency that has not complied, an expla-
17 nation as to such failure to comply.

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