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To require the establishment of a research and grant program for the eradication or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

Mr. JONES (for himself, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HOYER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, Commerce, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the establishment of a research and grant program for the eradication or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins.

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 “Pfiesteria Research
5 Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PFIESTERIA AND OTHER AQUATIC TOXINS RE-**
2 **SEARCH AND GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
4 ronmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Commerce
5 (acting through the Director of the National Marine Fish-
6 eries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
7 ministration), the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
8 ices (acting through the Director of the National Institute
9 of Environmental Health Sciences and the Director of the
10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), and the Sec-
11 retary of Agriculture shall—

12 (1) establish a research program for the eradi-
13 cation or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other
14 aquatic toxins; and

15 (2) make grants to colleges, universities, and
16 other entities in affected States for the eradication
17 or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic
18 toxins.

19 (b) GRANTS.—In carrying out subsection (a)(2), the
20 heads of the agencies referred to in subsection (a) shall
21 make grants to—

22 (1) North Carolina State University in Raleigh,
23 North Carolina, for the establishment of an Applied
24 Aquatic Ecology Center and for research conducted
25 by the Center relating to aquatic toxins;

1 (2) the University System of Maryland and the
2 Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Mary-
3 land, for the establishment of a cooperative Agro-
4 Ecosystem Center for research and demonstration
5 projects related to aquatic toxins, such as *Pfiesteria*
6 piscicida, including projects that relate to dietary,
7 waste management, and other alternative-use related
8 strategies that reduce the undesirable nutrient and
9 other chemical content from waste into waterways;
10 and

11 (3) the Virginia Institute of Marine Science of
12 the College of William and Mary in Gloucester
13 Point, Virginia, for the establishment of a Marine
14 Pathology and Applied Ecology Center and for re-
15 search conducted by the Center relating to the effect
16 of algal toxins on marine fish and shellfish and to
17 understanding human influences on estuarine
18 planktonic communities with an emphasis on harm-
19 ful algal species, except that a portion of the grants
20 made under this paragraph shall be allocated to Old
21 Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, for re-
22 search support.

23 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary
25 to carry out this section, including—

1 (1) \$1,883,619 for fiscal year 1998, and
2 \$655,890 for fiscal year 1999, to carry out sub-
3 section (b)(1);

4 (2) \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998
5 and 1999, to carry out subsection (b)(2); and

6 (3) \$1,750,000 for fiscal year 1998, and
7 \$545,000 for fiscal year 1999, to carry out sub-
8 section (b)(3).

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