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H. R. 832

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program of research and education regarding menopause and related conditions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Menopause Outreach,
5 Research, and Education Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM REGARDING WOMEN’S MIDLIFE HEALTH**
7 **CARE.**

8 Section 445H of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 285e–10) is amended to read as follows:

1 MENOPAUSE AND OTHER AGING PROCESSES REGARDING
2 WOMEN; RESEARCH CENTERS

3 “SEC. 445H. (a) The Director of the Institute, in ad-
4 dition to other special functions specified in section 444
5 and in cooperation with the Directors of the other national
6 research institutes and agencies of the National Institutes
7 of Health, shall conduct and support research into—

8 “(1) the aging processes of women, with par-
9 ticular emphasis given to the effects of menopause
10 and the physiological and behavioral changes occur-
11 ring during the transition from premenopause to
12 postmenopause; and

13 “(2) the diagnosis, disorders, and complications
14 related to aging and loss of ovarian hormones in
15 women.

16 “(b)(1) The Director of the Institute, after consulta-
17 tion with the industry with the advisory council for the
18 Institute, shall provide for the development of expansion
19 of not less than 5 centers for—

20 “(A) research on menopause; and

21 “(B) research on conditions arising from the di-
22 minished or complete cessation of the functioning of
23 the ovaries, whether occurring naturally or otherwise
24 (which conditions are in this subsection referred to
25 as ‘menopausal health conditions’).

1 “(2) Each center assisted under this subsection
2 shall—

3 “(A) use the facilities of a single institution or
4 a consortium of cooperating institutions, and meet
5 such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Di-
6 rector of the Institute;

7 “(B) conduct basic and clinical research into
8 the natural history of menopause in order to im-
9 prove the state of medical knowledge or methods re-
10 garding the cause, diagnosis, early detection, preven-
11 tion, control, and treatment of menopausal health
12 conditions;

13 “(C) develop multidisciplinary models of health
14 care regarding menopause and menopausal health
15 conditions;

16 “(D) conduct educational and training pro-
17 grams on menopause and menopausal health condi-
18 tions for physicians, scientists, and other health and
19 allied health professionals;

20 “(E) conduct information and continuing edu-
21 cation programs for physicians and other health and
22 allied health professionals who provide care for pa-
23 tients with such conditions; and

1 “(F) conduct programs for the dissemination to
2 the general public of information on menopause and
3 menopausal health conditions.

4 “(3) In carrying out paragraph (2)(B), the Director
5 of the Institute shall ensure that centers assisted under
6 this subsection—

7 “(A) conduct research on hormonal treatments
8 for menopausal health conditions, research on non-
9 hormonal treatments of symptoms arising from such
10 conditions, and research on the relationship between
11 such conditions and cardiovascular disease,
12 osteoporosis, bone fractures, bladder conditions,
13 breast and uterine cancers, and other conditions that
14 research indicates may be relevant; and

15 “(B) conduct research to determine whether
16 and to what extent differences may exist, with re-
17 spect to menopause and menopausal health condi-
18 tions, among various socioeconomic groups, ethnic
19 groups, and racial groups.

20 “(4) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Director of
21 the Institute, in consultation with the Director of NIH
22 and the Administrator for Health Care Policy and Re-
23 search, shall establish a program to develop protocols for

1 the prevention and treatment of menopausal health condi-
2 tions and other conditions regarding women’s midlife
3 health.

4 “(5) A center may use funds provided under para-
5 graph (1) to provide stipends for health professionals en-
6 rolled in educational or training programs described in
7 paragraph (2)(D).

8 “(6) The Director shall ensure that the activities of
9 centers assisted under this subsection are coordinated
10 among the centers.

11 “(7) The Director of the Institute shall, to the extent
12 practicable, provide for an equitable geographical distribu-
13 tion of centers assisted under this subsection.

14 “(8) Support of a center under this subsection may
15 be for a period of not to exceed five years. Such period
16 may be extended by the Director of the Institute for one
17 or more additional periods of not more than five years if
18 the operations of such center have been reviewed by an
19 appropriate technical and scientific peer review group
20 established by the Director and if such group has
21 recommended to the Director that such period should be
22 extended.”.

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