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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a program for research and training with respect to Parkinson's disease.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. GLENN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOND, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. FORD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. REID, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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 “Morris K. Udall Par-
5 kinson's Research Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDING AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that to take full ad-
 3 vantage of the tremendous potential for finding a cure or
 4 effective treatment, the Federal investment in Parkinson’s
 5 must be expanded, as well as the coordination strength-
 6 ened among the National Institutes of Health research in-
 7 stitutes.

8 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-
 9 vide for the expansion and coordination of research re-
 10 garding Parkinson’s, and to improve care and assistance
 11 for afflicted individuals and their family caregivers.

12 **SEC. 3. PARKINSON’S RESEARCH.**

13 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
 14 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 15 the following:

16 “PARKINSON’S DISEASE

17 “SEC. 409B. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of
 18 NIH shall establish a program for the conduct and sup-
 19 port of research and training with respect to Parkinson’s
 20 disease (subject to the extent of amounts appropriated
 21 under subsection (e)).

22 “(b) INTER-INSTITUTE COORDINATION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall
 24 provide for the coordination of the program estab-
 25 lished under subsection (a) among all of the national
 26 research institutes conducting Parkinson’s research.

1 “(2) CONFERENCE.—Coordination under para-
2 graph (1) shall include the convening of a research
3 planning conference not less frequently than once
4 every 2 years. Each such conference shall prepare
5 and submit to the Committee on Appropriations and
6 the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of
7 the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations
8 and the Committee on Commerce of the House of
9 Representatives a report concerning the conference.

10 “(c) MORRIS K. UDALL RESEARCH CENTERS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall
12 award Core Center Grants to encourage the develop-
13 ment of innovative multidisciplinary research and
14 provide training concerning Parkinson’s. The Direc-
15 tor shall award not more than 10 Core Center
16 Grants and designate each center funded under such
17 grants as a Morris K. Udall Center for Research on
18 Parkinson’s Disease.

19 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to Par-
21 kinson’s, each center assisted under this sub-
22 section shall—

23 “(i) use the facilities of a single insti-
24 tution or a consortium of cooperating insti-
25 tutions, and meet such qualifications as

1 may be prescribed by the Director of the
2 NIH; and

3 “(ii) conduct basic and clinical re-
4 search.

5 “(B) DISCRETIONARY REQUIREMENTS.—

6 With respect to Parkinson’s, each center as-
7 sisted under this subsection may—

8 “(i) conduct training programs for
9 scientists and health professionals;

10 “(ii) conduct programs to provide in-
11 formation and continuing education to
12 health professionals;

13 “(iii) conduct programs for the dis-
14 semination of information to the public;

15 “(iv) separately or in collaboration
16 with other centers, establish a nationwide
17 data system derived from patient popu-
18 lations with Parkinson’s, and where pos-
19 sible, comparing relevant data involving
20 general populations;

21 “(v) separately or in collaboration
22 with other centers, establish a Parkinson’s
23 Disease Information Clearinghouse to fa-
24 cilitate and enhance knowledge and under-
25 standing of Parkinson’s disease; and

1 “(vi) separately or in collaboration
2 with other centers, establish a national
3 education program that fosters a national
4 focus on Parkinson’s and the care of those
5 with Parkinson’s.

6 “(3) STIPENDS REGARDING TRAINING PRO-
7 GRAMS.—A center may use funds provided under
8 paragraph (1) to provide stipends for scientists and
9 health professionals enrolled in training programs
10 under paragraph (2)(B).

11 “(4) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a
12 center under this subsection may be for a period not
13 exceeding five years. Such period may be extended
14 by the Director of NIH for one or more additional
15 periods of not more than five years if the operations
16 of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate
17 technical and scientific peer review group established
18 by the Director and if such group has recommended
19 to the Director that such period should be extended.

20 “(d) MORRIS K. UDALL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
21 IN PARKINSON’S DISEASE RESEARCH.—The Director of
22 NIH shall establish a grant program to support investiga-
23 tors with a proven record of excellence and innovation in
24 Parkinson’s research and who demonstrate potential for
25 significant future breakthroughs in the understanding of

1 the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of Parkinson's.
2 Grants under this subsection shall be available for a period
3 of not to exceed 5 years.

4 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
5 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
6 to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and
7 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
8 1999 and 2000.”.

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