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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for awards by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop and operate multidisciplinary research centers regarding the impact of environmental factors on women's health and disease prevention.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5, 2001

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. STABENOW) 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 “Women’s Health Envi-
5 ronmental Research Centers Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL**
 2 **HEALTH SCIENCES; AWARDS FOR DEVELOP-**
 3 **MENT AND OPERATION OF MULTIDISCI-**
 4 **PLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS REGARDING**
 5 **WOMEN'S HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVEN-**
 6 **TION.**

7 Subpart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
 8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285l et seq.) is amended by adding
 9 at the end the following new section:

10 “MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS REGARDING
 11 WOMEN’S HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION

12 “SEC. 463B. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
 13 Institute shall make grants to public or nonprofit private
 14 entities for the development and operation of not more
 15 than six centers whose purpose is conducting multidisci-
 16 plinary research on environmental factors that may be re-
 17 lated to the development of women’s health conditions (as
 18 defined in section 486(f)(1)). The Director of the Institute
 19 shall carry out this section in consultation with the Direc-
 20 tor of the Office of Research on Women’s Health and with
 21 the advisory council for the Institute.

22 “(b) RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION AND
 23 EDUCATION.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each center under sub-
 25 section (a) shall, with respect to the purpose de-
 26 scribed in such subsection—

1 “(A) conduct basic and clinical research;

2 “(B) develop protocols for training physi-
3 cians, scientists, nurses, and other health and
4 allied health professionals;

5 “(C) conduct training programs for such
6 individuals;

7 “(D) develop model continuing education
8 programs for such professionals; and

9 “(E) disseminate information to such pro-
10 fessionals and the public.

11 “(2) PRIORITY FOR PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.—

12 In carrying out the activities described in paragraph
13 (1), each center under subsection (a) shall give pri-
14 ority to activities that are directed toward pre-
15 venting the development in women of the diseases
16 and conditions involved.

17 “(3) STIPENDS FOR TRAINING OF HEALTH PRO-
18 FESSIONALS.—A center under subsection (a) may
19 use funds under such subsection to provide stipends
20 for health and allied health professionals enrolled in
21 programs described in paragraph (1)(C).

22 “(c) COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY.—Each
23 center under subsection (a) shall establish and maintain
24 ongoing collaborations with community organizations in
25 the geographic area served by the center, including those

1 that represent women with disorders that appear to stem
2 from environmental factors.

3 “(d) COORDINATION OF CENTERS; REPORTS.—The
4 Director of the Institute shall, as appropriate, provide for
5 the coordination of information among centers under sub-
6 section (a) and ensure regular communication between
7 such centers.

8 “(e) STRUCTURE OF CENTER.—Each center assisted
9 under subsection (a) shall use the facilities of a single in-
10 stitution, or be formed from a consortium of cooperating
11 institutions, meeting such requirements as may be pre-
12 scribed by the Director of the Institute.

13 “(f) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a center
14 under subsection (a) may be for a period not exceeding
15 5 years. Such period may be extended for one or more
16 additional periods not exceeding 5 years if the operations
17 of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate tech-
18 nical and scientific peer review group established by the
19 Director of the Institute and if such group has rec-
20 ommended to the Director that such period should be ex-
21 tended.

22 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
23 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
24 to be appropriated \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and

- 1 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
- 2 2003 through 2006.”.

