

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1579

To provide for the continuation of the Pediatric Research Initiative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

Mr. DEWINE 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. PEDIATRIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE.**

4 The Director of the National Institutes of Health in
5 implementing the Pediatric Research Initiative under sec-
6 tion 409D of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
7 284h), shall—

8 (1) continue the Initiative and emphasize the
9 importance of pediatric research, particularly
10 translational research; and

1 (2) not later than January of 2004, continue to
2 report to the Committee on Health, Education,
3 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-
4 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
5 Representatives on the status of the Pediatric Re-
6 search Initiative, including—

7 (A) the extent of the total funds obligated
8 to conduct or support pediatric research across
9 the National Institutes of Health, including the
10 specific support and research awards allocated
11 by the Office of the Director through the Initia-
12 tive;

13 (B) the activities of the cross-institute
14 committee on pediatric research in assisting the
15 Director in considering requests for new or ex-
16 panded pediatric research to be funded through
17 the Initiative;

18 (C) how the Director plans to budget dol-
19 lars toward the Initiative for fiscal year 2004;

20 (D) the amount the Director has expended
21 to implement the Initiative since the enactment
22 of the Initiative;

23 (E) the status of any research conducted
24 as a result of the Initiative;

1 (F) whether that research is translational
2 research or clinical research;

3 (G) how the Initiative interfaces with the
4 Off-Patent research fund of the National Insti-
5 tutes of Health; and

6 (H) any recommended modifications that
7 Congress should consider in the authority or
8 structure of the Initiative within the National
9 Institutes of Health for the optimal operation
10 and success of the Initiative.

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