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To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and reduce the occurrence of sudden unexpected infant death and to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth.

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Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

- To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and reduce the occurrence of sudden unexpected infant death and to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth.
 - 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 "Stillbirth and SUID
- 5 Prevention, Education, and Awareness Act of 2009".

6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1	(1) Every year, there are more than $25,000$
2	stillbirths in the United States.
3	(2) Common diagnosable causes for stillbirth
4	include genetic abnormalities, umbilical cord acci-
5	dents, infections, and placental problems.
6	(3) A number of risk factors for stillbirth have
7	been described in pregnant women such as maternal
8	age, obesity, smoking, diabetes, and hypertension.
9	(4) Because of advances in medical care over
10	the last 30 years, much more is known about the
11	causes of stillbirth. But for as many as 50 percent
12	of stillbirths, the cause is never identified.
13	(5) Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) is
14	the sudden death of an infant under 1 year of age
15	that when first discovered did not have an obvious
16	cause. These include those deaths that are later de-
17	termined to be from explained as well as unexplained
18	causes.
19	(6) In 2004, approximately 4,600 infants died
20	suddenly and unexpectedly of no immediate obvious
21	cause. Each year approximately 200 deaths of chil-
22	dren between the ages of 1 and 4 remain unex-
23	plained after a thorough case investigation is con-

24 ducted.

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1	(7) The Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
2	(SIDS) rate has been declining significantly since
3	the early 1990s. However, research has found that
4	the decline in SIDS since 1999 can be explained by
5	increasing Sudden Unexpected Infant Death rates.
6	(8) Many Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths
7	are not investigated and, even when they are, cause-
8	of-death data are not collected and reported consist-
9	ently.
10	(9) Inaccurate or inconsistent classification of
11	cause and manner of death impedes prevention ef-
12	forts and complicates the ability to understand risk
13	factors related to these deaths.
14	(10) The National Child Death Review Case
15	Reporting System collects comprehensive informa-
16	tion on the risk factors associated with SUID
17	deaths. As of March 2009, 29 of the 49 States con-
18	ducting child death reviews are voluntarily submit-
19	ting data to this reporting system.
20	SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
21	ACT.
22	Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
23	241 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24	lowing:

1	⁴ "PART S—SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH
2	AND SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN
3	CHILDHOOD
4	"SEC. 399HH. DEFINITION.
5	"In this part:
6	"(1) Administrator.—The term 'Adminis-
7	trator' means the Administrator of the Health Re-
8	sources and Services Administration.
9	"(2) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means
10	the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
11	Prevention.
12	"(3) STATE.—The term 'State' includes the 50
13	States and the District of Columbia.
14	"(4) SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH;
15	SUID.—The terms 'sudden unexpected infant death'
16	and 'SUID' mean the sudden death of an infant
17	under 1 year of age that when first discovered did
18	not have an obvious cause. Such terms include those
19	deaths that are later determined to be from ex-
20	plained as well as unexplained causes.
21	"(5) Sudden unexplained death in child-
22	HOOD; SUDC.—The terms 'sudden unexplained death
23	in childhood' and 'SUDC' mean the sudden death of
24	a child older than 1 year of age which remains unex-
25	plained after a thorough case investigation, including
26	a review of the clinical history and circumstances of
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1	death, and performance of a complete autopsy with
2	appropriate ancillary testing.
3	"SEC. 399II. DEATH SCENE INVESTIGATION AND AUTOPSY.
4	"(a) Investigations.—
5	"(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through
6	the Director, shall award grants to States to enable
7	such States to improve the completion of comprehen-
8	sive death scene investigations for sudden unex-
9	pected infant death and sudden unexplained death in
10	childhood.
11	"(2) Application.—To be eligible to receive a
12	grant under paragraph (1), a State shall submit to
13	the Secretary an application at such time, in such
14	manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
15	retary may require.
16	"(3) Use of funds.—
17	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A State shall use
18	amounts received under a grant under para-
19	graph (1) to improve the completion of com-
20	prehensive death scene investigations for sud-
21	den unexpected infant death and sudden unex-
22	plained death in childhood, including through
23	the awarding of subgrants to local jurisdictions
24	to be used to implement standard death scene
25	investigation protocols for sudden unexpected

infant death and sudden unexplained death in childhood and conduct comprehensive and to conduct standardized autopsies.

4 "(B) PROTOCOLS.—A standard death 5 scene protocol implemented under subparagraph 6 (A) shall include the obtaining of information 7 on current and past medical history of the in-8 fant/child, the circumstances surrounding the 9 death including any suspicious circumstances, 10 the sleep position and sleep environment of the 11 infant/child, and whether there were any acci-12 dental or environmental factors associated with 13 the death. The Director in consultation with 14 medical examiners, coroners, death scene inves-15 tigators, law enforcement, emergency medical 16 technicians and paramedics, public health agen-17 cies, and other individuals or groups determined 18 necessary by the Director shall develop a stand-19 ard death scene protocol for children from 1 to 20 4 years of age using existing protocols devel-21 oped for SUID.

22 "(b) AUTOPSIES.—

23 "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
24 through the Director, shall award grants to States
25 to enable such States to increase the rate at which

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comprehensive and standardized autopsies are per formed for sudden unexpected infant death and sud den unexplained death in childhood.

4 "(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
5 grant under paragraph (1), a State shall submit to
6 the Secretary an application at such time, in such
7 manner, and containing such information as the Sec8 retary may require.

9 "(3) COMPREHENSIVE AUTOPSY.—For purposes 10 of this subsection, a comprehensive autopsy shall in-11 clude a full external and internal examination of all 12 major organs and tissues including the brain, com-13 plete radiographs, metabolic testing, and toxicology 14 screening of the infant/child involved.

15 "(4) GUIDELINES.—The Director, in consulta-16 tion with board certified forensic pathologists, med-17 ical examiners, coroners, pediatric pathologists, pedi-18 atric cardiologists, pediatric neuropathologists and 19 geneticists, and other individuals and groups deter-20 mined necessary by the Director shall develop na-21 tional guidelines for a standard autopsy protocol for 22 sudden unexpected infant death and sudden unex-23 plained death in childhood. The Director shall en-24 sure that the majority of such consultation is with 25 board certified forensic pathologists, medical examiners, and coroners. The Director is encouraged to
seek additional input from child abuse experts, bereavement specialists, parents, and public health
agencies on non-medical aspects of the autopsy
guidelines. In developing such protocol, the Director
shall consider autopsy protocols used by State and
local jurisdictions.

"(c) STUDY ON GENETIC TESTING.—The Director, 8 9 in consultation with medical examiners, coroners, forensic 10 pathologists, geneticists, researchers, public health officials, and other individuals and groups determined nec-11 12 essary by the Director, shall commission a study to deter-13 mine the benefits and appropriateness of genetic testing for infant and early childhood deaths that remain unex-14 15 plained after a complete death scene investigation and comprehensive and standardized autopsy. Such study shall 16 include recommendations on developing a standard pro-17 18 tocol for use in determining when to utilize genetic testing and standard protocols for the collection and storage of 19 20specimens suitable for genetic testing.

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
is authorized to be appropriated, such sums as may be
necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014, to
carry out this section.

1 "SEC. 399JJ. TRAINING.

2 "(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the 3 Director, shall award grants to eligible entities for the provision of training on death scene investigation. 4 5 "(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), an entity shall— 6 7 "(1) be— "(A) a State or local government entity; or 8 "(B) a non-profit private entity; and 9 10 "(2) submit to the Secretary an application at 11 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-12 formation as the Secretary may require. 13 "(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity shall use 14 amounts received under a grant under this section to— 15 "(1) provide training to medical examiners, 16 coroners, death scene investigators, law enforcement 17 personnel, and emergency medical technicians or 18 paramedics concerning death scene investigations, 19 including the use of standard death scene investiga-20 tion protocols that include information on the cur-21 rent and past medical history of the infant/child, the 22 circumstances surrounding the death including any 23 suspicious circumstances, the sleep position and 24 sleep environment of the infant/child, and whether 25 there were any accidental or environmental factors 26 associated with the death:

"(2) provide training directly to individuals who
 are responsible for conducting and reviewing death
 scene investigations for sudden unexpected infant
 death and sudden unexplained death in childhood;

5 "(3) provide training to multidisciplinary teams, 6 including teams that have a medical examiner or 7 coroner, death scene investigator, law enforcement 8 representative, and an emergency medical technician 9 or paramedic;

10 "(4) in the case of national and State-based 11 grantees that is comprised of medical examiners, 12 coroners, death scene investigators, law enforcement 13 personnel, or emergency medical technicians and 14 paramedics, integrate training under the grant on 15 death scene investigation into professional accredita-16 tion and training programs;

"(5) in the case of State and local government
entity grantees, obtain equipment, including computer equipment, to aid in the completion of standard death scene investigation; or

21 "(6) conduct training activities for medical ex22 aminers, coroners, and forensic pathologists con23 cerning standard autopsy protocols for sudden unex24 pected infant death and sudden unexplained death in
25 childhood.

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
 2010 through 2014.

5 "SEC. 399KK. CHILD DEATH REVIEW.

6 "(a) PREVENTION.—

7 "(1) CORE CAPACITY GRANTS.—The Secretary,
8 acting through the Administrator, shall award
9 grants to States to build State capacity and imple10 ment State and local child death review programs
11 and prevention strategies.

12 "(2) PLANNING GRANTS.—The Secretary, act-13 ing through the Administrator, shall award planning 14 grants to States that have no existing child death re-15 view program or States in which the only child death 16 review programs are State-based, for the develop-17 ment of local child death review programs and pre-18 vention strategies.

"(3) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
grant under paragraph (1) or (2), a State shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in
such manner, and containing such information as
the Secretary may require.

1	"(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary,
2	acting through the Administrator, shall provide tech-
3	nical assistance to assist States—
4	"(A) in developing the capacity for com-
5	prehensive child death review programs, includ-
6	ing the development of best practices for the
7	implementation of such programs; and
8	"(B) in maintaining the national child
9	death case reporting system.
10	"(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
11	is authorized to be appropriated, such sums as may be
12	necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014, to
13	carry out subsection (a).
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"(b) NATIONAL REGISTRY.—The national registry
 established under subsection (a) shall facilitate the collec tion, analysis, and dissemination of data by—

4 "(1) implementing a surveillance and moni5 toring system based on thorough and complete death
6 scene investigation data, clinical history, and au7 topsy findings;

8 "(2) collecting standardized information about 9 the environmental, medical, genetic, and social cir-10 cumstances of death (including sleep environment 11 and quality of the death scene investigation) if de-12 termined that such may correlate with infant and 13 early childhood deaths, as well as information from 14 other law enforcement, medical examiner, coroner, emergency medical services (EMS), medical records, 15 16 and vital records (if possible);

"(3) supporting multidisciplinary infant and
early childhood death reviews such as those performed by child death review committees to collect
and review the standardized information and accurately and consistently classify and characterize
SUID and SUDC; and

23 "(4) facilitating the sharing of information to24 improve the public reporting of surveillance and vital

statistics describing the epidemiology of SUID and
 SUDC.

3 "(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
5 such sums as necessary for each of fiscal years 2010
6 through 2014.

7 "SEC. 399MM. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAM-8 PAIGN.

9 "(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator and in consultation with the 10 Director and the Director of the National Institutes of 11 Health, shall establish and implement a culturally com-12 13 petent public health awareness and education campaign to provide information that is focused on decreasing the 14 15 risk factors for sudden unexpected infant death and sudden unexplained death in childhood, including educating 16 individuals about safe sleep environments, sleep positions, 17 18 and reducing exposure to smoking during pregnancy and 19 after birth.

"(b) TARGETED POPULATIONS.—The campaign
under subsection (a) shall be designed to reduce health
disparities through the targeting of populations with high
rates of sudden unexpected infant death and sudden unexplained death in childhood.

"(c) CONSULTATION.—In establishing and imple-1 menting the campaign under subsection (a), the Secretary 2 shall consult with national organizations representing 3 4 health care providers, including nurses and physicians, 5 parents, child care providers, children's advocacy and safe-6 ty organizations, maternal and child health programs and 7 women's, infants and children nutrition professionals, and 8 other individuals and groups determined necessary by the 9 Secretary for such establishment and implementation.

10 "(d) GRANTS.—

11 "(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the cam-12 paign under subsection (a), the Secretary shall 13 award grants to national organizations, State and 14 local health departments, and community-based or-15 ganizations for the conduct of education and out-16 reach programs for nurses, parents, child care pro-17 viders, public health agencies, and community orga-18 nizations.

"(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
grant under paragraph (1), an entity shall submit to
the Secretary an application at such time, in such
manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

24 "(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There25 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,

such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
 2010 through 2014.

3 "SEC. 399NN. GRANTS FOR SUPPORT SERVICES.

4 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through 5 the Administrator, shall award grants to national organi-6 zations, State and local health departments, and commu-7 nity-based organizations, for the provisions of support 8 services to families who have had a child die of sudden 9 unexpected infant death and sudden unexplained death in 10 childhood.

11 "(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant 12 under subsection (a), an entity shall submit to the Sec-13 retary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. 14 15 "(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received under a grant awarded under subsection (a) may be used to pro-16 vide grief counseling, education, home visits, 24-hour hot-17 lines, and support groups for families who have lost a child 18 to sudden unexpected infant death or sudden unexplained 19 20 death in childhood.

21 "(d) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under sub-22 section (a), the Secretary shall give preference to commu-23 nity-based applicants that have a proven history of effec-24 tive direct support services and interventions for sudden 25 unexpected infant death and sudden unexplained death in childhood and can demonstrate experience through col laborations and partnerships for delivering services
 throughout a State or region.

4 "(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
6 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
7 2010 through 2014.

8 "SEC. 39900. EVALUATION OF STATE AND REGIONAL 9 NEEDS.

10 "The Secretary, acting through the Director and in 11 consultation with the Administrator, shall conduct a needs 12 assessment on a State and regional basis of the availability of personnel, training, technical assistance, and resources 13 for investigating and determining sudden unexpected in-14 15 fant death and sudden unexplained death in childhood death and make recommendations to increase collabora-16 tion on a State and regional level for investigation and 17 determination.". 18

19 SEC. 4. ENHANCING PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES RELATED 20 TO STILLBIRTH.

21 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second section 399R
(relating to the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry
(42 U.S.C. 280g-7)) and the third section 399R (re-

 lating to support for patients receiving a positive diagnosis of down syndrome or other prenatally or postnatally diagnosed conditions (42 U.S.C. 280g– 8)) as sections 399S and 399T, respectively; and
 (2) by adding at the end the following:
 "SEC. 399U. ENHANCING PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES RE-

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LATED TO STILLBIRTH.

8 "(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the 9 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-10 tion, shall award grants to eligible States and metropolitan 11 areas to enhance and expand surveillance efforts to collect 12 thorough and complete epidemiologic information on still-13 births, including through the utilization of the infrastruc-14 ture of existing surveillance systems.

15 "(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
16 under subsection (a), an entity shall be—

17 "(1) a State or a major metropolitan area (as18 defined by the Secretary); and

"(2) submit to the Secretary an application at
such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including an
assurance that the applicant will implement the
standardized surveillance protocol developed under
subsection (c).

"(c) SURVEILLANCE PROTOCOL.—The Secretary,
 acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease
 Control and Prevention, shall—

4 "(1) provide for the continued development and
5 dissemination of a standard protocol for stillbirth
6 data collection and surveillance, in consultation with
7 representatives of health and advocacy organizations,
8 State and local governments, and other interested
9 entities determined appropriate by the Secretary;

"(2) monitor trends and identify potential risk
factors for further study using existing sources of
surveillance data and expanded sources of data from
targeted surveillance efforts, and methods for the
evaluation of stillbirth prevention efforts; and

"(3) develop and evaluate methods to link existing data to provide more complete information for
research into the causes and conditions associated
with stillbirth.

"(d) POSTMORTEM EVALUATION AND DATA COLLECTION.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with physicians, nurses, pathologists, geneticists,
parents, and other groups determined necessary by the Director, shall develop guidelines for increasing the performance and data collection of postmortem stillbirth evalua-

tion, including conducting and reimbursing autopsies, pla cental histopathlogy and cytogentic testing. The guidelines
 should take into account cultural competency issues re lated to postmortem stillbirth evaluation.

5 "(e) PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES
6 RELATED TO STILLBIRTH.—The Secretary, acting
7 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control
8 and Prevention, shall—

9 "(1) develop behavioral surveys for women ex-10 periencing stillbirth, using existing State-based in-11 frastructure for pregnancy-related information gath-12 ering; and

"(2) increase the technical assistance provided
to States, Indian tribes, territories, and local communities to enhance capacity for improved investigation of medical and social factors surrounding stillbirth events.

18 "(f) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PRO-GRAMS.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of 19 20 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in 21 consultation with health care providers, public health or-22 ganizations, maternal and child health programs, parents, 23 and other groups deemed necessary by the Director, shall 24 directly or through grants, cooperative agreements, or con-25 tracts to eligible entities, develop and conduct evidencebased public education and prevention programs aimed at
 reducing the occurrence of stillbirth overall and addressing
 the racial and ethnic disparities in its occurrence, includ ing—

5 "(1) public education programs, services, and 6 demonstrations which are designed to increase gen-7 eral awareness of stillbirths; and

8 "(2) the development of tools for the education 9 of health professionals and women concerning the 10 known risks factors for stillbirth, promotion of fetal 11 movement awareness, taking proactive steps to mon-12 itor a baby's movement beginning at approximately 13 28 weeks into the pregnancy, and the importance of 14 early and regular prenatal care to monitor the 15 health and development of the fetus up to and dur-16 ing delivery.

17 "(g) TASK FORCE.—The Secretary, in consultation 18 with the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the 19 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and health care providers, researchers, parents, and 20 21 other groups deemed necessary by the Directors, shall es-22 tablish a task force to develop a national research plan 23 to determine the causes of, and how to prevent, stillbirth. "(h) GRANTS FOR SUPPORT SERVICES.— 24

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
through the Administrator of the Health Resources
and Services Administration, shall award grants to
national organizations, State and local health departments, and community-based organizations, for
the provisions of support services to families who
have experienced stillbirth.

8 "(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a 9 grant under subsection (a), an entity shall submit to 10 the Secretary an application at such time, in such 11 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-12 retary may require.

"(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received under
a grant awarded under subsection (a) may be used
to provide grief counseling, education, home visits,
24-hour hotlines, and support groups for families
who have experienced stillbirth.

18 "(4) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under 19 subsection (a), the Secretary shall give preference to 20 applicants that are community-based organizations that have a proven history of providing effective di-21 22 rect support services and interventions related to 23 stillbirths and can demonstrate experience through 24 collaborations and partnerships for delivering serv-25 ices throughout a State or region.

"(i) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'still birth' means a spontaneous, not induced, pregnancy loss
 20 weeks or after, or if the age of the fetus is not known,
 then a fetus weighing 350 grams or more.

5 "(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
7 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
8 2010 through 2014.".

9 SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

10 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment 11 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, 12 acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with the Di-13 rector of the National Institutes of Health and the Admin-14 15 istrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, shall submit to Congress a report describing the 16 progress made in implementing this Act (and the amend-17 18 ments made by this Act).

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