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S. 353

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BOND) 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 “Pediatric Research
5 Consortia Establishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

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

1 **“SEC. 452H. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National In-
 3 stitutes of Health, acting through the Director of the Na-
 4 tional Institute of Child Health and Human Development
 5 and in collaboration with all other Institutes of the Na-
 6 tional Institutes of Health that support pediatric research,
 7 shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements
 8 to public or nonprofit private entities to pay all or part
 9 of the cost of planning, establishing, and providing basic
 10 operating support for up to 20 national pediatric research
 11 consortia.

12 “(b) RESEARCH.—Each consortium established
 13 under subsection (a) shall supplement, but not replace, the
 14 establishment of a comprehensive pediatric research port-
 15 folio. Such consortium shall conduct basic, clinical, behav-
 16 ioral, social, and translational research, as well as training
 17 and demonstration of advanced diagnostic and treatment
 18 methods relating to pediatrics.

19 “(c) COORDINATION OF CONSORTIA REPORTS.—The
 20 Director of NIH shall—

21 “(1) as appropriate, provide for the coordina-
 22 tion of information among consortia under sub-
 23 section (a) and ensure regular communication be-
 24 tween such consortia; and

1 “(2) require the periodic preparation of reports
2 on the activities of the consortia and the submission
3 of the reports to the Director.

4 “(d) ORGANIZATION OF CONSORTIUM.—Each consor-
5 tium established under subsection (a) shall be formed from
6 a collaboration of cooperating institutions with a lead in-
7 stitution, meeting such requirements as may be prescribed
8 by the Director of NIH, including participation in a net-
9 work of such consortium.

10 “(e) LIMITATION.—Payments under subsection (a)
11 shall not exceed \$2,500,000 per year for each consortium
12 in the first 5 year cycle.

13 “(f) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support for a consor-
14 tium established under subsection (a) may be provided
15 under this section for a period of 5 years and may be ex-
16 tended for additional periods of 5 years each, with en-
17 hanced funding opportunities based on a review of the op-
18 erations by an appropriate scientific review group estab-
19 lished by the Director.”.

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