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S. 2115

To provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded
and sustained national investment in biomedical research.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. HAGAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for
an expanded and sustained national investment in bio-
medical research.

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 “American Cures Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FUND.**

6 (a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to
7 establish a Biomedical Research Fund (referred to in this
8 section as the “Fund”), to be administered by the Sec-
9 retary of the Treasury, to provide for an expanded and

1 sustained national investment in biomedical research
2 through the programs and agencies described in sub-
3 section (b)(2).

4 (b) USE OF FUND.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year,
6 amounts shall be transferred from the Fund to the
7 accounts related to the programs and agencies de-
8 scribed in paragraph (2) to ensure that funding for
9 such programs and agencies for such fiscal year does
10 not fall below 105 percent of the level of funding
11 provided for the fiscal year immediately preceding
12 the fiscal year for which the determination is being
13 made and an additional amount to account for any
14 increases in the Gross Domestic Product for the
15 year involved.

16 (2) AGENCIES.—The programs and agencies de-
17 scribed in this paragraph are the following:

18 (A) The National Institutes of Health.

19 (B) The Centers for Disease Control and
20 Prevention.

21 (C) The Department of Defense health
22 program.

23 (D) The medical and prosthetics research
24 program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (c) MINIMUM CONTINUED FUNDING REQUIRE-
 2 MENT.—Amounts appropriated for each of the programs
 3 and agencies described in subsection (b)(2) for a fiscal
 4 year shall not be less than the amounts appropriated for
 5 such programs and agencies for fiscal year 2014.

6 (d) FUNDING.—There are hereby authorized to be
 7 appropriated, and appropriated, to the Fund, out of any
 8 monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such
 9 sums as may be necessary in each fiscal year to enable
 10 the transfers to be made in accordance with subsection
 11 (b)(1).

12 (e) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—The Committee on Ap-
 13 propriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appro-
 14 priations of the House of Representatives may provide for
 15 the transfer of funds in the Fund to eligible programs and
 16 agencies under this section, subject to subsection (b).

17 (f) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS FROM SE-
 18 QUESTRATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the
 20 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
 21 Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting
 22 after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund
 23 and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the fol-
 24 lowing:

25 “Biomedical Research Fund.”.

1 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
2 this section shall apply to any sequestration order
3 issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.)
5 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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