

104TH CONGRESS
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S. 1655

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide, with respect to research on breast cancer, for the increased involvement of advocates in decision-making at the National Cancer Institute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 1996

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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 “Consumer Involvement
5 in Breast Cancer Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF ADVOCATES IN DECISIONMAKING REGARDING RESEARCH ON BREAST CANCER.**

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4 Section 417(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 285a–6(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following paragraph:

7 “(3) INVOLVEMENT OF ADVOCATES IN DECISIONMAKING.—

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9 “(A) The Director of the Institute shall, to
10 the extent practicable, provide for the increased
11 involvement (relative to fiscal year 1996) of ad-
12 vocates in decisionmaking at the Institute re-
13 garding research on breast cancer.

14 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the
15 term ‘advocate’ means an individual who is ac-
16 countable to, represents, and reports back to
17 organizations that represent those affected by
18 breast cancer.

19 “(C) The Director of the Institute shall
20 prepare a report on the manner in which sub-
21 paragraph (A) has been carried out. The report
22 shall be included in the first report under sec-
23 tion 407 that the Director submits after the ex-
24 piration of the one-year period beginning on the

1 date of the enactment of the Consumer Involvement in Breast Cancer Research Act.”

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