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To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the prostate cancer preventive health program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FRIST 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 “Prostate Cancer Re-
5 search and Prevention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

7 **ACT.**

8 (a) PREVENTIVE HEALTH MEASURES.—Section
9 317D of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-
10 5) is amended—

1 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
4 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
5 vention, may make grants to States and local health de-
6 partments for the purpose of enabling such States and de-
7 partments to carry out programs that may include the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(1) To identify factors that influence the atti-
10 tudes or levels of awareness of men and health care
11 practitioners regarding screening for prostate can-
12 cer.

13 “(2) To evaluate, in consultation with the Agen-
14 cy for Health Care Policy and Research and the Na-
15 tional Institutes of Health, the effectiveness of
16 screening strategies for prostate cancer.

17 “(3) To identify, in consultation with the Agen-
18 cy for Health Care Policy and Research, issues re-
19 lated to the quality of life for men after prostate
20 cancer screening and followup.

21 “(4) To develop and disseminate public infor-
22 mation and education programs for prostate cancer,
23 including appropriate messages about the risks and
24 benefits of prostate cancer screening for the general

1 public, health care providers, policy makers and
2 other appropriate individuals.

3 “(5) To improve surveillance for prostate can-
4 cer.

5 “(6) To address the needs of underserved and
6 minority populations regarding prostate cancer.

7 “(7) Upon a determination by the Secretary,
8 who shall take into consideration recommendations
9 by the United States Preventive Services Task Force
10 and shall seek input, where appropriate, from pro-
11 fessional societies and other private and public enti-
12 ties, that there is sufficient consensus on the effec-
13 tiveness of prostate cancer screening—

14 “(A) to screen men for prostate cancer as
15 a preventive health measure;

16 “(B) to provide appropriate referrals for
17 the medical treatment of men who have been
18 screened under subparagraph (A) and to en-
19 sure, to the extent practicable, the provision of
20 appropriate followup services and support serv-
21 ices such as case management;

22 “(C) to establish mechanisms through
23 which State and local health departments can
24 monitor the quality of screening procedures for

1 prostate cancer, including the interpretation of
2 such procedures; and

3 “(D) to improve, in consultation with the
4 Health Resources and Services Administration,
5 the education, training, and skills of health
6 practitioners (including appropriate allied
7 health professionals) in the detection and con-
8 trol of prostate cancer.

9 “(8) To evaluate activities conducted under
10 paragraphs (1) through (7) through appropriate sur-
11 veillance or program monitoring activities.”; and

12 (2) in subsection (l)(1), by striking “1998” and
13 inserting “2004”.

14 (b) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—Section
15 417B(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
16 286a–8(c)) is amended by striking “and 1996” and insert-
17 ing “through 2004”.

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