

106TH CONGRESS
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S. 2287

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2000

Mr. L. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. REID) 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 “Breast Cancer and
5 Environmental Research Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) Breast cancer is the second leading cause of
4 cancer deaths among American women.

5 (2) In 1999, 175,000 women will be diagnosed
6 with breast cancer, and more than 43,000 are ex-
7 pected to die from this disease.

8 (3) The National Action Plan on Breast Can-
9 cer, a public private partnership, has recognized the
10 importance of expanding the scope and breadth of
11 biomedical, epidemiological, and behavioral research
12 activities related to the etiology of breast cancer and
13 the role of the environment.

14 (4) To date, there has been only a limited re-
15 search investment to expand the scope or coordinate
16 efforts across disciplines or work with the commu-
17 nity to study the role of the environment in the de-
18 velopment of breast cancer.

19 (5) In order to take full advantage of the tre-
20 mendous potential for avenues of prevention, the
21 Federal investment in the role of the environment
22 and the development of breast cancer should be ex-
23 panded.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL**
2 **HEALTH SCIENCES; AWARDS FOR DEVELOP-**
3 **MENT AND OPERATION OF RESEARCH CEN-**
4 **TERS REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL FAC-**
5 **TORS RELATED TO BREAST CANCER.**

6 Subpart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285L et seq.) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following section:

9 **“SEC. 463B. RESEARCH CENTERS REGARDING ENVIRON-**
10 **MENTAL FACTORS RELATED TO BREAST CAN-**
11 **CER.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Institute,
13 after consultation with the advisory council for the Insti-
14 tute, shall make grants to public or nonprofit private enti-
15 ties for the development and operation of not more than
16 8 centers for the purpose of conducting multidisciplinary
17 and multi-institutional research on environmental factors
18 that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer. Each
19 such center shall be known as a Breast Cancer and Envi-
20 ronmental Research Center of Excellence.

21 “(b) RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION AND
22 EDUCATION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each center under sub-
24 section (a) shall, with respect to the purpose de-
25 scribed in such subsection—

1 “(A) conduct basic epidemiologic, popu-
2 lation-based and clinical research outreach ac-
3 tivities;

4 “(B) develop protocols and conduct for
5 training, including continuing education pro-
6 grams, of physicians, scientists, nurses, and
7 other health and allied health professionals; and

8 “(C) disseminate information to such pro-
9 fessionals and the public.

10 “(2) STIPENDS FOR TRAINING OF HEALTH PRO-
11 FESSIONALS.—A center under subsection (a) may
12 use funds under such subsection to provide stipends
13 for health and allied health professionals enrolled in
14 programs described in subparagraph (B) of para-
15 graph (1).

16 “(c) COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY.—Each
17 center under subsection (a) shall establish and maintain
18 ongoing collaborations with community organizations in
19 the geographic area served by the center, including those
20 that represent women with breast cancer.

21 “(d) COORDINATION OF CENTERS; REPORTS.—The
22 Director of the Institute shall, as appropriate, provide for
23 the coordination of information among centers under sub-
24 section (a) and ensure regular communication between
25 such centers, and may require the periodic preparation of

1 reports on the activities of the centers and the submission
2 of the reports to the Director.

3 “(e) REQUIRED CONSORTIUM.—Each center under
4 subsection (a) shall be formed from a consortium of co-
5 operating institutions, meeting such requirements as may
6 be prescribed by the Director of the Institute.

7 “(f) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a center
8 under subsection (a) may be for a period not exceeding
9 5 years. Such period may be extended for one or more
10 additional periods not exceeding 5 years if the operations
11 of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate tech-
12 nical and scientific peer review group established by the
13 Director of the Institute and if such group has rec-
14 ommended to the Director that such period should be ex-
15 tended.

16 “(g) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF CENTERS.—
17 The Director of the Institute shall, to the extent prac-
18 ticable, provide for an equitable geographical distribution
19 of centers under this section.

20 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
21 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
22 to be appropriated \$30,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
23 2001 through 2006. Such authorization is in addition to

- 1 any other authorization of appropriations that is available
- 2 for such purpose.”.

