

In the Senate of the United States,

November 15, 2001.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 717) entitled “An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophies.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

1 Page 17, after line 6 insert:

2 ***SEC. 7. STUDY ON THE USE OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE***

3 ***AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.***

4 *(a) REVIEW.—Not later than 60 days after the date*
5 *of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and*
6 *Human Services shall enter into a contract with the Insti-*
7 *tute of Medicine for the purpose of conducting a study and*
8 *making recommendations on the impact of, need for, and*
9 *other issues associated with Centers of Excellence at the Na-*
10 *tional Institutes of Health.*

1 **(b) AREAS OF REVIEW.**—*In conducting the study*
2 *under subsection (a), the Institute of Medicine shall at a*
3 *minimum consider the following:*

4 (1) *The current areas of research incorporating*
5 *Centers of Excellence (which shall include a descrip-*
6 *tion of such areas) and the relationship of this form*
7 *of funding mechanism to other forms of funding for*
8 *research grants, including investigator initiated re-*
9 *search, contracts and other types of research support*
10 *awards.*

11 (2) *The distinctive aspects of Centers of Excel-*
12 *lence, including the additional knowledge that may be*
13 *expected to be gained through Centers of Excellence as*
14 *compared to other forms of grant or contract mecha-*
15 *nisms.*

16 (3) *The costs associated with establishing and*
17 *maintaining Centers of Excellence, and the record of*
18 *scholarship and training resulting from such Centers.*
19 *The research and training contributions of Centers*
20 *should be assessed on their own merits and in com-*
21 *parison with other forms of research support.*

22 (4) *Specific areas of research in which Centers of*
23 *Excellence may be useful, needed, or underused, as*
24 *well as areas of research in which Centers of Excel-*
25 *lence may not be helpful.*

1 (5) *Criteria that may be applied in determining*
2 *when Centers of Excellence are an appropriate and*
3 *cost-effective research investment and conditions that*
4 *should be present in order to consider the establish-*
5 *ment of Centers of Excellence.*

6 (6) *Alternative research models that may accom-*
7 *plish results similar to or greater than Centers of Ex-*
8 *cellence.*

9 (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 1 year after the date on*
10 *which the contract is entered into under subsection (a), the*
11 *Institute of Medicine shall complete the study under such*
12 *subsection and submit a report to the Secretary of Health*
13 *and Human Services and the appropriate committees of*
14 *Congress that contains the results of such study.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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