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S. 2980

To revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998.

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 “Birth Defects and De-

5 velopmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER ON BIRTH DEFECTS AND DE-**
7 **VELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

8 Section 317C of the Public Health Service Act (42

9 U.S.C. 247b-4) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (i) by striking “and developmental
3 disabilities” and inserting “, developmental
4 disabilities, and disabilities and health”;
5 and

6 (ii) by striking “subsection (d)(2)”
7 and inserting “subsection (c)(2)”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
9 “and” at the end;

10 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
11 period; and

12 (D) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(D) to conduct research on and to pro-
14 mote the prevention (including the prevention of
15 secondary conditions) of such birth defects and
16 disabilities; and

17 “(E) to support a National Spina Bifida
18 Program to prevent and reduce suffering from
19 the nation’s most common permanently dis-
20 abling birth defect.”;

21 (2) by striking subsection (b);

22 (3) in subsection (d)—

23 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
24 by striking “1999” and inserting “2004”;

25 (B) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by inserting “and developmental
2 disabilities” after “defects” each place that
3 such appears; and

4 (ii) by inserting “and affected quality
5 of life” before the semicolon;

6 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and
7 developmental disabilities” after “defects”;

8 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
9 the end;

10 (E) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
11 paragraph (7); and

12 (F) by inserting after paragraph (4), the
13 following:

14 “(5) contains information on the incidence and
15 prevalence of individuals living with birth defects
16 and disabilities, any health disparities experienced by
17 such individuals, and recommendations for improv-
18 ing the health and wellness and quality of life of
19 such individuals;

20 “(6) contains a summary of recommendations
21 from all birth defects research conferences sponsored
22 by the agency including conferences related to spina
23 bifida; and”;

24 (4) in subsection (e)—

1 (A) by inserting “, including section 444 of
2 the General Education Provisions Act,” after
3 “privacy of information”; and

4 (B) by inserting before the period the fol-
5 lowing: “, except that the Centers for Disease
6 Control and Prevention shall have access to in-
7 formation under section 444(b)(1)(F) of such
8 Act solely for purposes of carrying out sub-
9 section (a)(1) of this section and shall otherwise
10 comply with all other requirements of such sec-
11 tion 444”;

12 (5) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
13 (e) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively;

14 (6) by inserting after subsection (d) (as so re-
15 designated), the following:

16 “(e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Notwithstanding any
17 other provision of law, the members of the advisory com-
18 mittee appointed by the Director of the National Center
19 for Environmental Health that have expertise in birth de-
20 fects, developmental disabilities, and disabilities and
21 health shall be transferred to the National Center on Birth
22 Defects on the date of enactment of the Birth Defects and
23 Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2002.”; and

24 (7) in subsection (f), by striking “\$30,000,000”
25 and all that follows and inserting “such sums as

1 may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003
2 through 2007.”.

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