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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the development and operation of centers to conduct research with respect to infertility prevention, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TORRICELLI 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 “Infertility Research
5 Centers Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FOR RESEARCH CENTERS**
2 **WITH RESPECT TO INFERTILITY PREVEN-**
3 **TION.**

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

7 **“SEC. 452H. RESEARCH CENTERS WITH RESPECT TO INFER-**
8 **TILITY PREVENTION.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Institute,
10 after consultation with the advisory council for the Insti-
11 tute, shall make grants to, or enter into contracts with,
12 public or nonprofit private entities for the development
13 and operation of centers to conduct activities for the pur-
14 pose of improving methods of preventing infertility.

15 “(b) NUMBER OF CENTERS.—In carrying out sub-
16 section (a), the Director of the Institute shall, subject to
17 the extent of amounts made available in appropriations
18 Acts, provide for the establishment of two centers with re-
19 spect to infertility prevention.

20 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each center assisted under
22 this section shall, in carrying out the purpose of the
23 center involved—

24 “(A) conduct clinical and other applied re-
25 search, including clinical trials of new or im-

1 proved drugs and devices for the diagnosis and
2 treatment of infertility in males and females;

3 “(B) develop protocols for training physi-
4 cians, scientists, nurses, and other health and
5 allied health professionals;

6 “(C) conduct training programs for such
7 individuals;

8 “(D) develop model continuing education
9 programs for such professionals; and

10 “(E) disseminate information to such pro-
11 fessionals and the public.

12 “(2) STIPENDS.—A center may use funds pro-
13 vided under subsection (a) to provide stipends for
14 health and allied health professionals enrolled in pro-
15 grams described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph
16 (1), and to provide fees to individuals serving as
17 subjects in clinical trials conducted under such para-
18 graph.

19 “(d) COORDINATION.—The Director of the Institute
20 shall, as appropriate, provide for the coordination of infor-
21 mation among the centers assisted under this section.

22 “(e) FACILITIES.—Each center assisted under sub-
23 section (a) shall use the facilities of a single institution,
24 or be formed from a consortium of cooperating institu-

1 tions, meeting such requirements as may be prescribed by
2 the Director of the Institute.

3 “(f) PERIOD OF SUPPORT.—Support of a center
4 under subsection (a) may be for a period not exceeding
5 5 years. Such period may be extended for one or more
6 additional periods not exceeding 5 years if the operations
7 of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate tech-
8 nical and scientific peer review group established by the
9 Director and if such group has recommended to the Direc-
10 tor that such period should be extended.

11 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
12 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
13 to be appropriated \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2003, and
14 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
15 2004 and 2005.”.

16 **SEC. 3. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH WITH**
17 **RESPECT TO INFERTILITY PREVENTION.**

18 Part F of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 287d et seq.) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating the second section 487F
21 (relating to the pediatric research loan repayment
22 program) as section 487G; and

23 (2) by inserting after section 487G (as so re-
24 designated) the following section:

1 **“SEC. 487H. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH**
2 **WITH RESPECT TO INFERTILITY PREVEN-**
3 **TION.**

4 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary, in consulta-
5 tion with the Director of the National Institute of Child
6 Health and Human Development, shall establish a pro-
7 gram of entering into agreements with qualified health
8 professionals (including graduate students) under which
9 such health professionals agree to conduct research with
10 respect to infertility prevention, in consideration of the
11 Federal Government agreeing to repay, for each year of
12 such service, not more than \$20,000 of the principal and
13 interest of the educational loans of such health profes-
14 sionals.

15 “(b) **APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.**—The provisions
16 of sections 338B, 338C, and 338E shall apply to the pro-
17 gram established in subsection (a) to the same extent and
18 in the same manner as such provisions apply to the Na-
19 tional Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program es-
20 tablished in subpart III of part D of title III.

21 “(c) **FUNDING.**—Amounts appropriated for carrying
22 out this section shall remain available until the expiration
23 of the second fiscal year beginning after the fiscal year
24 for which the amounts were appropriated.”.

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