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H. R. 1080

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. CLAY, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia.

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 “Pediatric Research
5 Consortia Establishment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

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

5 **“SEC. 452H. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH, acting
7 through the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Na-
8 tional Institute of Child Health and Human Development
9 and in collaboration with all other Institutes of the Na-
10 tional Institutes of Health that support pediatric research,
11 may, subject to the availability of funds, award grants,
12 contracts, or cooperative agreements to public or nonprofit
13 private entities to pay all or part of the cost of planning,
14 establishing, and providing basic operating support for up
15 to 20 national pediatric research consortia. The Director
16 of NIH shall take unmet research needs into account when
17 making awards under this section.

18 “(b) RESEARCH.—Research conducted under this
19 section shall supplement, but not replace, research that
20 is otherwise conducted or supported as part of the com-
21 prehensive pediatric research portfolio of entities receiving
22 awards under subsection (a). Consortia established under
23 subsection (a) shall, in the aggregate, conduct basic, clin-
24 ical, behavioral, social, or translational research to meet
25 unmet research needs, as well as training in and dem-

1 onstration of advanced diagnostic and treatment methods
2 relating to pediatrics, as appropriate.

3 “(c) COORDINATION OF CONSORTIA REPORTS.—The
4 Director of NIH shall—

5 “(1) as appropriate, provide for the coordina-
6 tion of information among consortia established
7 under subsection (a) and ensure regular communica-
8 tion between such consortia; and

9 “(2) require the periodic preparation of reports
10 on the activities of the consortia and the submission
11 of the reports to the Director.

12 “(d) ORGANIZATION OF CONSORTIUM.—Each Consor-
13 tium established under subsection (a) shall be formed from
14 a collaboration of cooperating institutions with a lead in-
15 stitution, meeting such requirements as may be prescribed
16 by the Director of NIH, including participation in a net-
17 work of such consortia.

18 “(e) LIMITATION.—Payments under subsection (a)
19 shall not exceed \$2,500,000 per year for each consortium
20 in the first 5-year cycle.

21 “(f) DURATION OF PAYMENTS.—Payments under
22 subsection (a) for a consortium may be provided under
23 this section for a period of 5 years and may be extended
24 for additional periods of 5 years each, with enhanced fund-

- 1 ing opportunities based on a review of the operations by
- 2 an appropriate scientific review.”.

