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To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs with respect to women's health research and prevention activities at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 1998

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DODD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MACK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. SANTORUM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs with respect to women's health research and prevention activities at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Women’s Health Re-  
3 search and Prevention Amendments of 1998”.

4 **TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING**  
5 **TO WOMEN’S HEALTH RE-**  
6 **SEARCH AT THE NATIONAL**  
7 **INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

8 **SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH AND**  
9 **AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL PROGRAM OF**  
10 **EDUCATION REGARDING THE DRUG DES.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403A(e) of the Public  
12 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 283a(e)) is amended by  
13 striking “1996” and inserting “2001”.

14       (b) NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION OF  
15 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND PUBLIC.—From amounts  
16 appropriated for carrying out section 403A of the Public  
17 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 283a), the Secretary of  
18 Health and Human Services, acting through the heads of  
19 the appropriate agencies of the Public Health Service,  
20 shall carry out a national program for the education of  
21 health professionals and the public with respect to the  
22 drug diethylstilbestrol (commonly known as DES). To the  
23 extent appropriate, such national program shall use meth-  
24 odologies developed through the education demonstration  
25 program carried out under such section 403A. In develop-  
26 ing and carrying out the national program, the Secretary

1 shall consult closely with representatives of nonprofit pri-  
 2 vate entities that represent individuals who have been ex-  
 3 posed to DES and that have expertise in community-based  
 4 information campaigns for the public and for health care  
 5 providers. The implementation of the national program  
 6 shall begin during fiscal year 1999.

7 **SEC. 102. RESEARCH ON OSTEOPOROSIS, PAGET’S DISEASE,**  
 8 **AND RELATED BONE DISORDERS.**

9 Section 409A(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 10 U.S.C. 284e(d)) is amended by striking “and 1996” and  
 11 inserting “through 2001”.

12 **SEC. 103. RESEARCH ON CANCER.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 417B(a) of the Public  
 14 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 286a–8(a)) is amended by  
 15 striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2001”.

16 (b) RESEARCH ON BREAST CANCER.—Section  
 17 417B(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
 18 286a–8(b)(1)) is amended—

19 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and  
 20 1996” and inserting “through 2001”; and

21 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and  
 22 1996” and inserting “through 2001”.

23 (c) RESEARCH ON OVARIAN AND RELATED CANCER  
 24 RESEARCH.—Section 417B(b)(2) of the Public Health

1 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 286a–8(b)(2)) is amended by strik-  
 2 ing “and 1996” and inserting “through 2001”.

3 **SEC. 104. RESEARCH ON HEART ATTACK, STROKE, AND**  
 4 **OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES IN**  
 5 **WOMEN.**

6 Subpart 2 of part C of title IV of the Public Health  
 7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285b et seq.) is amended by insert-  
 8 ing after section 424 the following:

9 “HEART ATTACK, STROKE, AND OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR  
 10 DISEASES IN WOMEN

11 “SEC. 424A. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the  
 12 Institute shall expand, intensify, and coordinate research  
 13 and related activities of the Institute with respect to heart  
 14 attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in  
 15 women.

16 “(b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTES.—  
 17 The Director of the Institute shall coordinate activities  
 18 under subsection (a) with similar activities conducted by  
 19 the other national research institutes and agencies of the  
 20 National Institutes of Health to the extent that such Insti-  
 21 tutes and agencies have responsibilities that are related  
 22 to heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases  
 23 in women.

24 “(c) CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—In carrying out sub-  
 25 section (a), the Director of the Institute shall conduct or  
 26 support research to expand the understanding of the

1 causes of, and to develop methods for preventing, cardio-  
2 vascular diseases in women. Activities under such sub-  
3 section shall include conducting and supporting the follow-  
4 ing:

5           “(1) Research to determine the reasons under-  
6           lying the prevalence of heart attack, stroke, and  
7           other cardiovascular diseases in women, including  
8           African-American women and other women who are  
9           members of racial or ethnic minority groups.

10           “(2) Basic research concerning the etiology and  
11           causes of cardiovascular diseases in women.

12           “(3) Epidemiological studies to address the fre-  
13           quency and natural history of such diseases and the  
14           differences among men and women, and among ra-  
15           cial and ethnic groups, with respect to such diseases.

16           “(4) The development of safe, efficient, and  
17           cost-effective diagnostic approaches to evaluating  
18           women with suspected ischemic heart disease.

19           “(5) Clinical research for the development and  
20           evaluation of new treatments for women, including  
21           rehabilitation.

22           “(6) Studies to gain a better understanding of  
23           methods of preventing cardiovascular diseases in  
24           women, including applications of effective methods  
25           for the control of blood pressure, lipids, and obesity.

1           “(7) Information and education programs for  
2       patients and health care providers on risk factors as-  
3       sociated with heart attack, stroke, and other cardio-  
4       vascular diseases in women, and on the importance  
5       of the prevention or control of such risk factors and  
6       timely referral with appropriate diagnosis and treat-  
7       ment. Such programs shall include information and  
8       education on health-related behaviors that can im-  
9       prove such important risk factors as smoking, obe-  
10      sity, high blood cholesterol, and lack of exercise.

11       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
12      purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
13      to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for  
14      each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2001. The author-  
15      ization of appropriations established in the preceding sen-  
16      tence is in addition to any other authorization of appro-  
17      priation that is available for such purpose.”.

18   **SEC. 105. AGING PROCESSES REGARDING WOMEN.**

19       Section 445I of the Public Health Service Act (42  
20      U.S.C. 285e–11) is amended by striking “and 1996” and  
21      inserting “through 2001”.

22   **SEC. 106. OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN’S HEALTH.**

23       Section 486(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act  
24      (42 U.S.C. 287d(d)(2)) is amended by striking “Director

1 of the Office” and inserting “Director of the National In-  
 2 stitutes of Health”.

3 **TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELAT-**  
 4 **ING TO WOMEN’S HEALTH AT**  
 5 **THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE**  
 6 **CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

7 **SEC. 201. NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS.**

8 Section 306(n) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 9 U.S.C. 242k(n)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “through  
 11 1998” and inserting “through 2002”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “through  
 13 1998” and inserting “through 2002”.

14 **SEC. 202. NATIONAL PROGRAM OF CANCER REGISTRIES.**

15 Section 399L(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 16 U.S.C. 280e–4(a)) is amended by striking “through 1998”  
 17 and inserting “through 2002”.

18 **SEC. 203. NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER**  
 19 **EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM.**

20 (a) GRANTS.—Section 1501(b) of the Public Health  
 21 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300k(b)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “nonprofit”;  
 23 and

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “that are not  
 25 nonprofit entities”.

1 (b) PREVENTIVE HEALTH.—Section 1509(d) of the  
 2 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300n–4a(d)(1)) is  
 3 amended by striking “through 1998” and inserting  
 4 “through 2002”.

5 (c) GENERAL PROGRAM.—Section 1510(a) of the  
 6 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300n–5(a)) is  
 7 amended by striking “through 1998” and inserting  
 8 “through 2002”.

9 **SEC. 204. CENTERS FOR RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION**  
 10 **OF HEALTH PROMOTION.**

11 Section 1706(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 12 U.S.C. 300u–5(e)) is amended by striking “through  
 13 1998” and inserting “through 2002”.

14 **SEC. 205. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON DOMESTIC VIO-**  
 15 **LENCE.**

16 Section 318(h)(2) of the Family Violence Prevention  
 17 and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10418(h)(2)) is amended by  
 18 striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “for each of the  
 19 fiscal years 1997 through 2002”.

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