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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain program 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING**  
2 **TO WOMEN’S HEALTH RE-**  
3 **SEARCH AT NATIONAL INSTI-**  
4 **TUTES OF HEALTH**

5 **SEC. 101. RESEARCH ON DRUG DES; NATIONAL PROGRAM**  
6 **OF EDUCATION.**

7 (a) RESEARCH.—Section 403A(e) of the Public  
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 283a(e)) is amended by  
9 striking “1996” and inserting “2003”.

10 (b) NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION OF  
11 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND PUBLIC.—Title XVII of  
12 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u et seq.)  
13 is amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “EDUCATION REGARDING DES

15 “SEC. 1710. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, act-  
16 ing through the heads of the appropriate agencies of the  
17 Public Health Service, shall carry out a national program  
18 for the education of health professionals and the public  
19 with respect to the drug diethylstilbestrol (commonly  
20 known as DES). To the extent appropriate, such national  
21 program shall use methodologies developed through the  
22 education demonstration program carried out under sec-  
23 tion 403A. In developing and carrying out the national  
24 program, the Secretary shall consult closely with rep-  
25 resentatives of nonprofit private entities that represent in-

dividuals who have been exposed to DES and that have expertise in community-based information campaigns for the public and for health care providers. The implementation of the national program shall begin during fiscal year 1999.

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003. The authorization of appropriations established in the preceding sentence is in addition to any other authorization of appropriation that is available for such purpose.”.

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

Section 409A(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284e(d)) is amended by striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”.

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

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

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”.

1 (b) RESEARCH ON OVARIAN AND RELATED CANCER  
 2 RESEARCH.—Section 417B(b)(2) of the Public Health  
 3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 286a–8(b)(2)) is amended by strik-  
 4 ing “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”.

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

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

11 “HEART ATTACK, STROKE, AND OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR  
 12 DISEASES IN WOMEN

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

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

1       “(c) CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—In carrying out sub-  
2 section (a), the Director of the Institute shall conduct or  
3 support research to expand the understanding of the  
4 causes of, and to develop methods for preventing, cardio-  
5 vascular diseases in women. Activities under such sub-  
6 section shall include conducting and supporting the follow-  
7 ing:

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

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

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

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

22               “(5) Clinical research for the development and  
23 evaluation of new treatments for women, including  
24 rehabilitation.

1           “(6) Studies to gain a better understanding of  
2       methods of preventing cardiovascular diseases in  
3       women, including applications of effective methods  
4       for the control of blood pressure, lipids, and obesity.

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

15       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
16   purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
17   to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for  
18   each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003. The author-  
19   ization of appropriations established in the preceding sen-  
20   tence is in addition to any other authorization of appro-  
21   priation that is available for such purpose.”.

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

23       Section 445H of the Public Health Service Act (42  
24   U.S.C. 285e–10) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “The Director” and inserting  
 2 “(a) The Director”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following sub-  
 4 section:

5 “(b) For the purpose of carrying out this section,  
 6 there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may  
 7 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through  
 8 2003. The authorization of appropriations established in  
 9 the preceding sentence is in addition to any other author-  
 10 ization of appropriation that is available for such pur-  
 11 pose.”.

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

13 Section 486(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act  
 14 (42 U.S.C. 287d(d)(2)) is amended by striking “Director  
 15 of the Office” and inserting “Director of NIH”.

16 **TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELAT-**  
 17 **ING TO WOMEN’S HEALTH AT**  
 18 **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CON-**  
 19 **TROL AND PREVENTION**

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

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

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “through  
 24 1998” and inserting “through 2003”; and

1           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “through  
2           1998” and inserting “through 2003”.

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

4           Section 399L(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5   U.S.C. 280e–4(a)) is amended by striking “through 1998”  
6   and inserting “through 2003”.

7   **SEC. 203. NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER**  
8           **EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM.**

9           (a) SERVICES.—Section 1501(a)(2) of the Public  
10   Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300k(a)(2)) is amended by  
11   inserting before the semicolon the following: “and support  
12   services such as case management”.

13          (b) PROVIDERS OF SERVICES.—Section 1501(b) of  
14   the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300k(b)) is  
15   amended—

16           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “through  
17   grants” and all that follows and inserting the follow-  
18   ing: “through grants to public and nonprofit private  
19   entities and through contracts with public and pri-  
20   vate entities.”; and

21           (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the  
22   following:

23           “(2) CERTAIN APPLICATIONS.—If a nonprofit  
24   private entity and a private entity that is not a non-  
25   profit entity both submit applications to a State to



1 receive an award of a grant or contract pursuant to  
 2 paragraph (1), the State may give priority to the ap-  
 3 plication submitted by the nonprofit private entity in  
 4 any case in which the State determines that the  
 5 quality of such application is equivalent to the qual-  
 6 ity of the application submitted by the other private  
 7 entity.”.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (1) SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL  
 10 PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.—Section  
 11 1509(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 12 U.S.C. 300n-4a(d)(1)) is amended by striking  
 13 “through 1998” and inserting “through 2003”.

14 (2) GENERAL PROGRAM.—Section 1510(a) of  
 15 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300n-  
 16 5(a)) is amended by striking “through 1998” and  
 17 inserting “through 2003”.

18 **SEC. 204. CENTERS FOR RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION**  
 19 **OF HEALTH PROMOTION.**

20 Section 1706(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 21 U.S.C. 300u-5(e)) is amended by striking “through  
 22 1998” and inserting “through 2003”.

Passed the Senate October 12 (legislative day, Octo-  
 ber 2), 1998.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*