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To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to provide screenings and treatment for cancer to minority and other populations served by health centers under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LEE, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Cancer Testing, Edu-
5 cation, Screening, and Treatment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR UN-**
2 **DERSERVED MINORITY OR OTHER POPU-**
3 **LATIONS.**

4 Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by inserting after
6 section 330H the following:

7 **“SEC. 330L. CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR**
8 **UNDERSERVED MINORITY OR OTHER POPU-**
9 **LATIONS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
11 to qualifying health centers for the development, expan-
12 sion, or operation of programs that, for individuals other-
13 wise served by such centers, provide—

14 “(1) information and education on cancer pre-
15 vention;

16 “(2) screenings for cancer;

17 “(3) counseling on cancer, including counseling
18 upon a diagnosis of cancer; and

19 “(4) treatment for cancer.

20 “(b) QUALIFYING HEALTH CENTERS.—For purposes
21 of this section, the term ‘qualifying health center’ means
22 health centers receiving grants under section 330, includ-
23 ing community health centers, migrant health centers,
24 health centers for the homeless, and health centers for
25 residents of public housing.

1 “(c) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making
2 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-
3 erence to applicants that—

4 “(1) have service populations under section 330
5 that include a significant number of low-income mi-
6 nority individuals who are at-risk for cancer;

7 “(2) will, through programs under subsection
8 (a)—

9 “(A) emphasize early detection of and
10 treatment for cancer;

11 “(B) provide comprehensive treatment
12 services for cancer in its earliest stages; and

13 “(C) carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B)
14 for two or more types of cancer;

15 “(3) provide health services in a manner that is
16 convenient to individuals in the communities served
17 by the applicants; and

18 “(4) in order to provide treatment for cancer,
19 have established or will establish referral arrange-
20 ments with entities that provide screenings for low-
21 income individuals.

22 “(d) APPROPRIATE CULTURAL CONTEXT.—A condi-
23 tion for the receipt of a grant under subsection (a) is that
24 the applicant involved agree that, in the program carried
25 out with the grant, services will be provided in the lan-

1 guages and cultural contexts most appropriate for the in-
2 dividuals for whom the services are provided.

3 “(e) OUTREACH SERVICES.—A condition for the re-
4 ceipt of a grant under subsection (a) is that the applicant
5 involved agree to provide outreach activities to inform the
6 public of the services of the program, and to provide offsite
7 information on cancer; and

8 “(f) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
9 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the
10 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application
11 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains
12 such agreements, assurances, and information as the Sec-
13 retary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

14 “(g) DESIGNATION OF TYPE OF CANCER.—In mak-
15 ing a grant under subsection (a), the Secretary shall des-
16 ignate the type or types of cancer with respect to which
17 the grant is being made.

18 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
19 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
20 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
21 each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008.”.

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