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To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico) 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 “Comprehensive Tuber-
5 culosis Elimination Act of 2003”.

TITLE I—INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

SEC. 101. ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Section 317E(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–6(f)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

(2) by striking paragraphs (2) through (4), and inserting the following:

“(2) DUTIES.—For the purpose of making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis from the United States, the Council shall provide to the Secretary and other appropriate Federal officials advice on coordinating the activities of the Public Health Service and other Federal agencies that relate to such disease and on efficiently utilizing the Federal resources involved.

“(3) NATIONAL PLAN.—In carrying out paragraph (2), the Council, in consultation with appropriate public and private entities, shall make recommendations on the development, revision, and implementation of a national plan to eliminate tuberculosis in the United States. In carrying out this paragraph, the Council shall—

1 “(A) consider the recommendations of the
2 Institute of Medicine regarding the elimination
3 of tuberculosis;

4 “(B) address the development and applica-
5 tion of new technologies; and

6 “(C) review the extent to which progress
7 has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

8 “(4) GLOBAL ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out
9 paragraph (2), the Council, in consultation with ap-
10 propriate public and private entities, shall make rec-
11 ommendations for the development and implementa-
12 tion of a plan to guide the involvement of the United
13 States in global and cross border tuberculosis-control
14 activities, including recommendations regarding poli-
15 cies, strategies, objectives, and priorities. Such rec-
16 ommendations for the plan shall have a focus on
17 countries where a high incidence of tuberculosis di-
18 rectly affects the United States, such as Mexico, and
19 on access to a comprehensive package of tuberculosis
20 control measures, as defined by the World Health
21 Organization directly observed treatment, short
22 course strategy (commonly known as DOTS).

23 “(5) COMPOSITION.—The Council shall be com-
24 posed of—

“(A) representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, and other Federal departments and agencies that carry out significant activities relating to tuberculosis; and

“(B) members appointed from among individuals who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government.”.

TITLE II—CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

SEC. 201. NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION.

Section 317E of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–6) is amended—

(1) by striking the heading for the section and inserting the following:

“NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TUBERCULOSIS
ELIMINATION”;

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING.—With respect to the prevention,

1 control, and elimination of tuberculosis, the Secretary
2 may, directly or through grants to public or nonprofit pri-
3 vate entities, carry out the following:

4 “(1) Research, with priority given to research
5 concerning—

6 “(A) diagnosis and treatment of latent in-
7 fection of tuberculosis;

8 “(B) strains of tuberculosis resistant to
9 drugs;

10 “(C) cases of tuberculosis that affect cer-
11 tain populations; and

12 “(D) clinical trials, including a tuberculosis
13 trials consortium.

14 “(2) Demonstration projects for—

15 “(A) the development of regional capabili-
16 ties for the prevention, control, and elimination
17 of tuberculosis; and

18 “(B) collaboration with the Immigration
19 and Naturalization Service to identify and treat
20 immigrants with active or latent tuberculosis in-
21 fection.

22 “(3) Public information and education pro-
23 grams.

1 “(4) Education, training and clinical skills im-
2 provement activities for health professionals, includ-
3 ing allied health personnel.

4 “(5) Support of model centers to carry out ac-
5 tivities under paragraphs (1) through (4).

6 “(6) Collaboration with international organiza-
7 tions and foreign countries in carrying out such ac-
8 tivities, including coordinating activities through the
9 Committee on Interagency Collaboration for Tuber-
10 culosis Elimination.”;

11 (3) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
12 following:

13 “(4) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Council shall an-
14 nually submit to the Congress and the Secretary a
15 report on the activities carried out under this sub-
16 section. The report shall include the opinion of the
17 Council on the extent to which the recommendations
18 of the Institute of Medicine regarding tuberculosis
19 have been implemented.”; and

20 (4) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
21 lows:

22 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
23 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
24 to be appropriated \$528,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, and

1 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
 2 2005 through 2008.”.

3 **TITLE III—NATIONAL** 4 **INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

5 **SEC. 301. ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND** 6 **BLOOD INSTITUTE.**

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

10 “TUBERCULOSIS

11 “SEC. 424C. (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 tuber-
 14 culosis, including activities toward the goal of eliminating
 15 such disease.

16 “(b) CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Activities under sub-
 17 section (a) shall include—

18 “(1) enhancing basic and clinical research on
 19 tuberculosis; and

20 “(2) expanding research on the relationship be-
 21 tween such disease and the human immunodeficiency
 22 virus.

23 “(c) RESEARCH EDUCATION.—

24 “(1) TUBERCULOSIS ACADEMIC AWARDS.—The
 25 Director of the Institute may provide awards to fac-
 26 ulty of schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine

1 to assist such faculty in developing high quality cur-
2 ricula in such schools designed to significantly in-
3 crease the opportunities for interested individuals,
4 including students of the school and practicing phy-
5 sicians and nurses, to learn the principles and prac-
6 tices of preventing, managing, and controlling tuber-
7 culosis.

8 “(2) TUBERCULOSIS/PULMONARY INFECTION
9 AWARDS.—The Director of the Institute may provide
10 awards to support the career development of clini-
11 cally trained professionals who are committed to re-
12 search regarding pulmonary infections and tuber-
13 culosis by providing for supervised study and re-
14 search.

15 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 “(A) TUBERCULOSIS ACADEMIC
17 AWARDS.—For the purpose of carrying out
18 paragraph (1), there are authorized to be ap-
19 propriated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, and
20 such sums as may be necessary for each of the
21 fiscal years 2005 through 2008.

22 “(B) TUBERCULOSIS/PULMONARY INFEC-
23 TION AWARDS.—For the purpose of carrying
24 out paragraph (2), there are authorized to be
25 appropriated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004,

1 and such sums as may be necessary for each of
2 the fiscal years 2005 through 2008.”.

3 **SEC. 302. ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AL-**
4 **LERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

5 Section 447A of the Public Health Service Act (42
6 U.S.C. 285f–2) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
8 section (c);

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
10 lowing subsection:

11 “(b) Activities under subsection (a) shall include ac-
12 tivities to develop a tuberculosis vaccine. Such activities
13 shall be carried out in accordance with the blueprint for
14 tuberculosis vaccine development described in the report
15 prepared pursuant to the workshop convened in March
16 1998 by the Advisory Council for Elimination of Tuber-
17 culosis, the Director of the National Vaccine Program,
18 and the Director of the Institute.”; and

19 (3) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), in the
20 first sentence—

21 (A) by striking “and” after “1994,”; and

22 (B) by inserting before the period the fol-
23 lowing: “, \$240,000,000 for fiscal year 2004,
24 and such sums as may be necessary for each of
25 the fiscal years 2005 through 2008”.

1 **SEC. 303. JOHN E. FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR**
2 **ADVANCED STUDY IN THE HEALTH**
3 **SCIENCES.**

4 Section 482 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 287b) is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
7 “The general purpose”;

8 (2) in subsection (a) (as so designated), by in-
9 serting after “Health Sciences” the following: “(in
10 this subpart referred to as the ‘Center’);” and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following sub-
12 section:

13 “(b) TUBERCULOSIS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
15 (a) with respect to tuberculosis, the Center shall ex-
16 pand, intensify, and coordinate international activi-
17 ties of the Center for research and training.

18 “(2) INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM.—In
19 carrying out paragraph (1), the Center shall carry
20 out an international training program regarding tu-
21 berculosis. Such program shall be modeled after the
22 international training program carried out by the
23 Center with respect to the human immunodeficiency
24 virus.”.

1 **SEC. 304. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS REGARDING RE-**
2 **SEARCH ON TUBERCULOSIS.**

3 Part G of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating the second section 487F as
6 section 487G; and

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

9 “LOAN REPAYMENTS REGARDING RESEARCH ON
10 TUBERCULOSIS

11 “SEC. 487H. In carrying out sections 487C, 487E,
12 and 487F, the Secretary shall seek to ensure that, for fis-
13 cal year 2004 and subsequent fiscal years, a portion of
14 amounts appropriated to carry out such sections is re-
15 served for the purpose of entering into contracts under
16 which (in accordance with the section involved) individuals
17 will conduct research on tuberculosis.”.

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