

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4451

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program for research on preventing, treating, and finding the cure for Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

Mr. STEARNS 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 “MRSA Research and
5 Study Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. MRSA COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
3 is amended by inserting after section 317S the following
4 new section:

5 **“SEC. 317T. MRSA COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANT PRO-**
6 **GRAM.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
8 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
9 vention, shall establish a six-year grant program under
10 which the Secretary shall award competitive grants to eli-
11 gible entities to conduct research for the purposes of pre-
12 venting, treating, and finding the cure for Methicillin Re-
13 sistant Staphylococcus Aureus.

14 “(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
15 under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall prepare and
16 submit to the Secretary an application, at such time, in
17 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
18 retary may require.

19 “(c) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—For purposes of
20 this section, an eligible entity is an entity that is a public
21 or private university or a teaching hospital affiliated with
22 such a university.

23 “(d) GRANT PERIOD AND AMOUNT.—Each grant
24 awarded under subsection (a) shall be for a period of two
25 years and shall be in the amount of \$5,000,000.

1 “(e) MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Secretary
2 shall award at least 25 grants during each two-year period
3 of the grant program under subsection (a).

4 “(f) RENEWAL OF GRANTS.—The Secretary may
5 renew a grant awarded under subsection (a) to an eligible
6 entity if the entity meets the report requirement under
7 subsection (g)(2) and the Secretary determines, based on
8 the report so submitted, that the recipient has made rea-
9 sonable and demonstrable progress in meeting the re-
10 search purposes described in subsection (a).

11 “(g) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13 graph (2), not later than three years after the date
14 of receipt of a grant under subsection (a), an eligible
15 entity shall submit to the Secretary a report on the
16 outcome of the entity’s research funded by such
17 grant.

18 “(2) EXPEDITED REPORT REQUIREMENT FOR
19 GRANT RENEWALS.—For purposes of renewing a
20 grant under subsection (f), the report requirement
21 under this paragraph is for an eligible entity to sub-
22 mit to the Secretary a report described in paragraph
23 (1) by not later than two years after the date of re-
24 ceipt of the initial grant awarded under subsection
25 (a).

1 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
2 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
3 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of the
4 fiscal years 2009 through 2014.”.

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