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2^D SESSION

H. R. 758

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to
provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia.

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 “Pediatric Research
3 Consortia Establishment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

5 Subpart 7 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285g et seq.) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 452H. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH, acting
10 through the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Na-
11 tional Institute of Child Health and Human Development
12 and in collaboration with all other Institutes of the Na-
13 tional Institutes of Health that support pediatric research,
14 may, subject to the availability of funds, award grants,
15 contracts, or cooperative agreements to public or nonprofit
16 private entities to pay all or part of the cost of planning,
17 establishing, and providing basic operating support for up
18 to 20 national pediatric research consortia. The Director
19 of NIH shall take unmet research needs into account when
20 making awards under this section.

21 “(b) RESEARCH.—Research conducted under this
22 section shall supplement, but not replace, research that
23 is otherwise conducted or supported as part of the com-
24 prehensive pediatric research portfolio of entities receiving
25 awards under subsection (a). Consortia established under
26 subsection (a) shall, in the aggregate, conduct basic, clin-

1 ical, behavioral, social, or translational research to meet
2 unmet research needs, as well as training in and dem-
3 onstration of advanced diagnostic and treatment methods
4 relating to pediatrics, as appropriate.

5 “(c) COORDINATION OF CONSORTIA REPORTS.—The
6 Director of NIH shall—

7 “(1) as appropriate, provide for the coordina-
8 tion of information among consortia established
9 under subsection (a) and ensure regular communica-
10 tion between such consortia; and

11 “(2) require the periodic preparation of reports
12 on the activities of the consortia and the submission
13 of the reports to the Director.

14 “(d) ORGANIZATION OF CONSORTIUM.—Each Consor-
15 tium established under subsection (a) shall be formed from
16 a collaboration of cooperating institutions with a lead in-
17 stitution, meeting such requirements as may be prescribed
18 by the Director of NIH, including participation in a net-
19 work of such consortia.

20 “(e) LIMITATION.—Payments under subsection (a)
21 shall not exceed \$2,500,000 per year for each consortium
22 in the first 5-year cycle.

23 “(f) DURATION OF PAYMENTS.—Payments under
24 subsection (a) for a consortium may be provided under
25 this section for a period of 5 years and may be extended

1 for additional periods of 5 years each, with enhanced fund-
2 ing opportunities based on a review of the operations by
3 an appropriate scientific review.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 30
(legislative day September 29), 2010.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.