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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “South Asian Heart  
3 Health Awareness and Research Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

5 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317U  
7 (42 U.S.C. 247b–23) the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 317V. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants  
10 to States for the purpose of promoting awareness of the  
11 increasing prevalence of heart disease, including, where  
12 appropriate, its relationship to type 2 diabetes, in commu-  
13 nities disproportionately affected by heart disease such as  
14 South Asian communities in the United States.

15 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant  
16 under subsection (a) shall use such grant funds—

17 “(1) to develop culturally appropriate materials  
18 on evidence-based topics such as nutrition education,  
19 optimal diet plans, and programs for regular exer-  
20 cise;

21 “(2) to support heart health promotion activi-  
22 ties of community organizations that work with or  
23 serve communities disproportionately affected by  
24 heart disease, such as South Asian communities in  
25 the United States; or

1           “(3) to support conferences or workshops on re-  
2           search practices, methodology, and design to include  
3           more members of communities disproportionately af-  
4           fected by heart disease, such as South Asian com-  
5           munities in the United States, in scientific studies.

6           “(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
7           than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the  
8           South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act  
9           of 2020, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-  
10          mit to Congress a report on outreach efforts and data re-  
11          lating to heart disease in communities disproportionately  
12          affected by heart disease, such as South Asian commu-  
13          nities in the United States.

14          “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
15          purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
16          to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
17          2021 through 2025.”.

18          **SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

19          Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
20          (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
21          the following new section:

22          **“SEC. 409K. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

23                 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

24                         “(1) conduct or support research and related  
25                         activities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 di-

