

Union Calendar No. 450

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3131

[Report No. 116-550]

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2019

Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. MENG, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. BERA, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Additional sponsors: Mr. MEEKS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. POCAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. RUSH, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. WILD, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. KILMER, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TRONE, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. DELBENE, and Ms. NORTON

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Reported with an amendment; committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 5, 2019]

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

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

7 *Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.*
8 *241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317U (42*
9 *U.S.C. 247b–23) the following new section:*

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

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

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

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

22 *“(2) to support heart health promotion activities*
23 *of community organizations that work with or serve*
24 *communities disproportionately affected by heart dis-*

1 *ease, such as South Asian communities in the United*
2 *States; or*

3 *“(3) to support conferences or workshops on re-*
4 *search practices, methodology, and design to include*
5 *more members of communities disproportionately af-*
6 *ected by heart disease, such as South Asian commu-*
7 *nities in the United States, in scientific studies.*

8 *“(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than*
9 *180 days after the date of the enactment of the South Asian*
10 *Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2020, and an-*
11 *nually thereafter, the Director shall submit to Congress a*
12 *report on outreach efforts and data relating to heart disease*
13 *in communities disproportionately affected by heart disease,*
14 *such as South Asian communities in the United States.*

15 *“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-*
16 *poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be*
17 *appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020*
18 *through 2024.”.*

19 **SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

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

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

24 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—*

1 “(1) *conduct or support research and related ac-*
2 *tivities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 dia-*
3 *betes, and other heart health-related ailments among*
4 *at-risk populations, including South Asian commu-*
5 *nities in the United States; and*

6 “(2) *establish an Internet clearinghouse to cata-*
7 *log existing evidence-based heart health research and*
8 *treatment options for communities disproportionately*
9 *affected by heart disease, such as South Asian com-*
10 *munities in the United States, to prevent, treat, or re-*
11 *verse heart disease and diabetes.*

12 “(b) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-*
13 *poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be*
14 *appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020*
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