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# S. 3451

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Food Allergy Safety,  
5 Treatment, Education, and Research Act of 2020” or the  
6 “FASTER Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOOD ALLERGY SAFETY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(qq)(1) of the Federal  
3 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(qq)(1)) is  
4 amended by striking “and soybeans” and inserting “soy-  
5 beans, and sesame”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
7 subsection (a) shall apply to any food that is first intro-  
8 duced into interstate commerce on or after January 1,  
9 2022.

10 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

11 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
12 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
13 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-  
14 retary”) shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
15 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-  
16 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives a report on scientific opportunities in food al-  
18 lergy research. Such report shall—

19 (1) identify opportunities and challenges related  
20 to—

21 (A) developing effective food allergy  
22 diagnostics;

23 (B) preventing the onset of food allergies;

24 (C) reducing the risks of living with food  
25 allergies;

1 (D) developing new therapeutics to treat  
2 and manage food allergies; and

3 (E) curing food allergies;

4 (2) provide updates on data collection activities  
5 related to food allergies and specific allergens and  
6 identify gaps in such data collection activities; and

7 (3) recommend specific strategies to overcome  
8 the challenges identified under paragraph (1), in-  
9 cluding strategies to support the most promising  
10 areas of food allergy research that could lead to al-  
11 ternatives to current forms of disease management  
12 and identify allergens of emerging prevalence.

13 (b) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make the re-  
14 port under subsection (a) available on the internet website  
15 of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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