

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1550

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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public awareness campaign with respect to human papillomavirus, 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 “Promoting Resources  
3 to Expand Vaccination, Education, and New Treatments  
4 for HPV Cancers Act of 2021” or the “PREVENT HPV  
5 Cancers Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING HPV AND HPV-ASSOCIATED CANCERS;**  
7 **REAUTHORIZING JOHANNA’S LAW.**

8       Section 317P of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 247b–17) is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (c)(1)—

11                   (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “cer-  
12 vical”;

13                   (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
14 “and” at the end;

15                   (C) in subparagraph (D) by striking  
16 “other” and all that follows through “cancer.”  
17 and inserting “recommended diagnostics for  
18 early intervention for, and prevention of, HPV-  
19 associated cancers; and”; and

20                   (D) by adding at the end the following:

21                           “(E) the importance of recommended vac-  
22 cines for prevention of HPV and HPV-associ-  
23 ated cancers, including for males;”; and

24           (2) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
25 lows:

26           “(d) JOHANNA’S LAW.—

1           “(1) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAM-  
2       PAIGN.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
4       carry out a national campaign to increase the  
5       awareness and knowledge of health care pro-  
6       viders and individuals with respect to  
7       gynecologic cancers, HPV, and HPV-associated  
8       cancers, and the importance of HPV vaccines in  
9       preventing HPV and HPV-associated cancers.

10          “(B) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—Activities  
11       under the national campaign under subpara-  
12       graph (A) shall include—

13               “(i) maintaining a supply of written  
14               materials that provide information to the  
15               public on gynecologic cancers, HPV, and  
16               HPV-associated cancers; and

17               “(ii) distributing the materials to  
18               members of the public upon request.

19          “(C) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCE-  
20       MENTS.—Activities under the national cam-  
21       paign under subparagraph (A) shall, in accord-  
22       ance with applicable law and regulations, in-  
23       clude publishing materials in digital or print  
24       form, public engagement, and developing and  
25       placing public service announcements intended

1 to encourage individuals to discuss with their  
2 physicians—

3 “(i) their risk of gynecologic cancers  
4 and HPV-associated cancers; and

5 “(ii) the importance of HPV vaccines  
6 in preventing HPV and HPV-associated  
7 cancers.

8 “(D) TARGETED POPULATIONS.—Activities  
9 under the national campaign under subpara-  
10 graph (A) shall include culturally and linguis-  
11 tically competent public service announcements  
12 and other forms of communication and public  
13 engagement under subparagraph (C) targeted  
14 to—

15 “(i) specific higher-risk populations of  
16 individuals based on race, ethnicity, level of  
17 acculturation, and family history, including  
18 African-American and Ashkenazi Jewish  
19 individuals;

20 “(ii) communities with high rates of  
21 unvaccinated individuals, including males;

22 “(iii) rural communities;

23 “(iv) populations affected by increas-  
24 ing rates of oropharynx cancers;

1 “(v) health care providers specializing  
2 in assisting survivors of sexual assault; and

3 “(vi) such other communities as the  
4 Secretary determines appropriate.

5 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the na-  
6 tional campaign under this section, the Secretary  
7 shall consult with—

8 “(A) health care providers;

9 “(B) nonprofit organizations (including  
10 gynecologic cancer organizations and organiza-  
11 tions that represent communities and individ-  
12 uals most affected by HPV-associated cancers  
13 and low vaccination rates);

14 “(C) State and local public health depart-  
15 ments; and

16 “(D) elementary and secondary education  
17 organizations and institutions of higher edu-  
18 cation.

19 “(3) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING  
20 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

22 “(i) PROGRAM.—The Secretary may  
23 carry out a program to award grants or  
24 contracts to public or nonprofit private en-  
25 tities for the purpose of carrying out dem-

1 onstration projects to test, compare, and  
2 evaluate different evidence-based outreach  
3 and education strategies to increase the  
4 awareness and knowledge of women, their  
5 families, physicians, nurses, and other key  
6 health professionals with respect to  
7 gynecologic cancers, including with respect  
8 to early warning signs, risk factors, pre-  
9 vention, screening, and treatment options.

10 “(ii) SCIENCE-BASED RESOURCES.—

11 In making awards under clause (i), the  
12 Secretary shall encourage awardees to use  
13 science-based resources such as the Inside  
14 Knowledge About Gynecologic Cancer edu-  
15 cation campaign of the Centers for Disease  
16 Control and Prevention.

17 “(B) PREFERENCES IN AWARDING GRANTS

18 OR CONTRACTS.—In making awards under sub-  
19 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall give pref-  
20 erence to—

21 “(i) applicants with demonstrated ex-  
22 pertise in gynecologic cancer education or  
23 treatment or in working with groups of  
24 women who are at increased risk of  
25 gynecologic cancers; and

1           “(ii) applicants that, in the dem-  
2           onstration project funded by the grant or  
3           contract, will establish linkages between  
4           physicians, nurses, other key health profes-  
5           sionals, health profession students, hos-  
6           pitals, payers, and State health depart-  
7           ments.

8           “(C) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant or  
9           contract under subparagraph (A), an entity  
10          shall submit an application to the Secretary in  
11          such form, in such manner, and containing such  
12          agreements, assurances, and information as the  
13          Secretary determines to be necessary to carry  
14          out this paragraph.

15          “(D) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In mak-  
16          ing awards under subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
17          retary shall—

18               “(i) make awards, as practicable, to  
19               not fewer than five applicants; and

20               “(ii) ensure that information provided  
21               through demonstration projects under this  
22               paragraph is consistent with the best avail-  
23               able medical information.

24          “(E) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
25          than 24 months after the date of the enactment

1 of the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021,  
2 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall  
3 submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-  
4 merce of the House of Representatives and the  
5 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and  
6 Pensions of the Senate a report that—

7 “(i) summarizes the activities of dem-  
8 onstration projects under subparagraph  
9 (A);

10 “(ii) evaluates the extent to which the  
11 projects were effective in increasing aware-  
12 ness and knowledge of risk factors and  
13 early warning signs in the populations to  
14 which the projects were directed; and

15 “(iii) identifies barriers to early detec-  
16 tion and appropriate treatment of such  
17 cancers.

18 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 For the purpose of carrying out this subsection,



1       there is authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000  
2       for the period of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 30,  
2021.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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