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To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop multidisciplinary research centers regarding women's health and disease prevention, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. STARK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop multidisciplinary research centers regarding women's health and disease prevention, 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 “Women’s Environ-
3 mental Health and Disease Prevention Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL**
5 **HEALTH SCIENCES; AWARDS FOR DEVELOP-**
6 **MENT AND OPERATION OF MULTIDISCI-**
7 **PLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS REGARDING**
8 **WOMEN’S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND**
9 **DISEASE PREVENTION.**

10 Subpart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285l et seq.) is amended by adding
12 at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 463C. MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS RE-**
14 **GARDING WOMEN’S ENVIRONMENTAL**
15 **HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Institute
17 shall make grants to public or nonprofit private entities
18 for the development and operation of at least 1 and not
19 more than 6 centers whose purpose is conducting multi-
20 disciplinary research on environmental factors that may
21 be related to the development of women’s health conditions
22 (as defined in section 486). The Director of the Institute
23 shall carry out this section in consultation with the Direc-
24 tor of the Office of Research on Women’s Health and with
25 the advisory council for the Institute.

1 “(b) RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION AND
2 EDUCATION.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each center under sub-
4 section (a) shall, with respect to the purpose de-
5 scribed in such subsection—

6 “(A) conduct basic or clinical research;

7 “(B) develop protocols for training physi-
8 cians, scientists, nurses, and other health and
9 allied health professionals;

10 “(C) conduct training programs in accord-
11 ance with such protocols; and

12 “(D) disseminate information to such pro-
13 fessionals and the public.

14 “(2) EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.—

15 In carrying out the activities described in paragraph
16 (1), each center under subsection (a) shall empha-
17 size activities that are directed toward preventing
18 the development in women of the diseases and condi-
19 tions involved.

20 “(3) STIPENDS FOR TRAINING OF HEALTH PRO-
21 FESSIONALS.—A center under subsection (a) may
22 use funds under such subsection to provide stipends
23 for health and allied health professionals enrolled in
24 programs described in paragraph (1)(C).

1 “(c) COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY.—Each
2 center under subsection (a) shall establish and maintain
3 ongoing collaborations with community organizations in
4 the geographic area served by the center, including those
5 that represent women or children with disorders that ap-
6 pear to stem from environmental factors.

7 “(d) COORDINATION OF CENTERS; REPORTS.—The
8 Director of the Institute shall, as appropriate, provide for
9 the coordination of information among centers under sub-
10 section (a) and ensure regular communication between
11 such centers.

12 “(e) STRUCTURE OF CENTER.—Each center assisted
13 under subsection (a) may use the facilities of a single insti-
14 tution, or be formed from a consortium of cooperating in-
15 stitutions, meeting such requirements as may be pre-
16 scribed by the Director of the Institute.

17 “(f) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a center
18 under subsection (a) may be for a period not exceeding
19 5 years. Such period may be extended for 1 or more addi-
20 tional periods not exceeding 5 years if the operations of
21 such center have been reviewed by an appropriate tech-
22 nical and scientific peer review group established by the
23 Director of the Institute and if such group has rec-
24 ommended to the Director that such period should be ex-
25 tended.

1 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
3 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fis-
4 cal years 2010 through 2014.”.

5 **SEC. 3. COMMITTEE HEARING ON IMPLEMENTATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on Energy and
7 Commerce of the House of Representatives shall hold a
8 hearing on the implementation by the Director of the Na-
9 tional Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of sec-
10 tion 463C of the Public Health Service Act, as added by
11 section 2 of this Act.

12 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Sub-
13 section (a)—

14 (1) is enacted as an exercise of the rulemaking
15 power of the House of Representatives and, as
16 such—

17 (A) shall be considered as part of the rules
18 of the House; and

19 (B) shall supersede any other rule of the
20 House only to the extent that rule is incon-
21 sistent therewith; and

22 (2) is enacted with full recognition of the con-
23 stitutional right of the House to change such rules
24 (so far as relating to the procedure in the House)

- 1 at any time, in the same manner, and to the same
- 2 extent as in the case of any other rule of the House.

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