

Public Law 105-340  
105th Congress

An Act

To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs with respect to women's health research and prevention activities at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Oct. 31, 1998

[S. 1722]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Women's Health  
Research and  
Prevention  
Amendments of  
1998.  
42 USC 201 note.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Women's Health Research and Prevention Amendments of 1998".

**TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO  
WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH AT NA-  
TIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

**SEC. 101. RESEARCH ON DRUG DES; NATIONAL PROGRAM OF EDU-  
CATION.**

(a) RESEARCH.—Section 403A(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 283a(e)) is amended by striking "1996" and inserting "2003".

(b) NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND PUBLIC.—Title XVII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"EDUCATION REGARDING DES

"SEC. 1710. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the heads of the appropriate agencies of the Public Health Service, shall carry out a national program for the education of health professionals and the public with respect to the drug diethylstilbestrol (commonly known as DES). To the extent appropriate, such national program shall use methodologies developed through the education demonstration program carried out under section 403A. In developing and carrying out the national program, the Secretary shall consult closely with representatives of nonprofit private entities that represent individuals who have been exposed to DES and that have expertise in community-based information campaigns for the public and for health care providers. The implementation of the national program shall begin during fiscal year 1999.

42 USC 300u-9.

"(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated

such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003. The authorization of appropriations established in the preceding sentence is in addition to any other authorization of appropriation that is available for such purpose.”

**SEC. 102. RESEARCH ON OSTEOPOROSIS, PAGET'S DISEASE, AND RELATED BONE DISORDERS.**

Section 409A(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284e(d)) is amended by striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”.

**SEC. 103. RESEARCH ON CANCER.**

42 USC 285a-8. (a) **RESEARCH ON BREAST CANCER.**—Section 417B(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 286a-8(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”.

42 USC 285a-8. (b) **RESEARCH ON OVARIAN AND RELATED CANCER RESEARCH.**—Section 417B(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 286a-8(b)(2)) is amended by striking “and 1996” and inserting “through 2003”.

**SEC. 104. RESEARCH ON HEART ATTACK, STROKE, AND OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES IN WOMEN.**

Subpart 2 of part C of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285b et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 424 the following:

**“HEART ATTACK, STROKE, AND OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES IN WOMEN**

42 USC 285b-7a. **“SEC. 424A. (a) IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the Institute shall expand, intensify, and coordinate research and related activities of the Institute with respect to heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

**“(b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTES.**—The Director of the Institute shall coordinate activities under subsection (a) with similar activities conducted by the other national research institutes and agencies of the National Institutes of Health to the extent that such Institutes and agencies have responsibilities that are related to heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

**“(c) CERTAIN PROGRAMS.**—In carrying out subsection (a), the Director of the Institute shall conduct or support research to expand the understanding of the causes of, and to develop methods for preventing, cardiovascular diseases in women. Activities under such subsection shall include conducting and supporting the following:

**“(1) Research to determine the reasons underlying the prevalence of heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women, including African-American women and other women who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups.**

**“(2) Basic research concerning the etiology and causes of cardiovascular diseases in women.**

**“(3) Epidemiological studies to address the frequency and natural history of such diseases and the differences among**

men and women, and among racial and ethnic groups, with respect to such diseases.

“(4) The development of safe, efficient, and cost-effective diagnostic approaches to evaluating women with suspected ischemic heart disease.

“(5) Clinical research for the development and evaluation of new treatments for women, including rehabilitation.

“(6) Studies to gain a better understanding of methods of preventing cardiovascular diseases in women, including applications of effective methods for the control of blood pressure, lipids, and obesity.

“(7) Information and education programs for patients and health care providers on risk factors associated with heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women, and on the importance of the prevention or control of such risk factors and timely referral with appropriate diagnosis and treatment. Such programs shall include information and education on health-related behaviors that can improve such important risk factors as smoking, obesity, high blood cholesterol, and lack of exercise.

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003. The authorization of appropriations established in the preceding sentence is in addition to any other authorization of appropriation that is available for such purpose.”

#### SEC. 105. AGING PROCESSES REGARDING WOMEN.

Section 445H of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285e-10) is amended—

(1) by striking “The Director” and inserting “(a) The Director”, and

(2) by adding at the end the following subsection:

“(b) For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003. The authorization of appropriations established in the preceding sentence is in addition to any other authorization of appropriation that is available for such purpose.”

Appropriation  
authorization.

#### SEC. 106. OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH.

Section 486(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 287d(d)(2)) is amended by striking “Director of the Office” and inserting “Director of NIH”.

## TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELATING TO WOMEN'S HEALTH AT CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

#### SEC. 201. NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS.

Section 306(n) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k(n)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “through 1998” and inserting “through 2003”; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “through 1998” and inserting “through 2003”.

**SEC. 202. NATIONAL PROGRAM OF CANCER REGISTRIES.**

Section 399L(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280e-4(a)) is amended by striking “through 1998” and inserting “through 2003”.

**SEC. 203. NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM.**

(a) **SERVICES.**—Section 1501(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300k(a)(2)) is amended by inserting before the semicolon the following: “and support services such as case management”.

(b) **PROVIDERS OF SERVICES.**—Section 1501(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300k(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “through grants” and all that follows and inserting the following: “through grants to public and nonprofit private entities and through contracts with public and private entities.”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) **CERTAIN APPLICATIONS.**—If a nonprofit private entity and a private entity that is not a nonprofit entity both submit applications to a State to receive an award of a grant or contract pursuant to paragraph (1), the State may give priority to the application submitted by the nonprofit private entity in any case in which the State determines that the quality of such application is equivalent to the quality of the application submitted by the other private entity.”.

(c) **AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR ADDITIONAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**—Section 1509(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300n-4a(d)(1)) is amended by striking “through 1998” and inserting “through 2003”.

(2) **GENERAL PROGRAM.**—Section 1510(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300n-5(a)) is amended by striking “through 1998” and inserting “through 2003”.

**SEC. 204. CENTERS FOR RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION OF  
HEALTH PROMOTION.**

Section 1706(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u-5(e)) is amended by striking "through 1998" and inserting "through 2003".

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