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To improve programs for women's health in the Department of Defense.

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Mrs. SCHROEDER (for herself, Mrs. LLOYD, Ms. FURSE, and Ms. HARMAN)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
Armed Services

A BILL

To improve programs for women's health in the Department
of Defense.

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 "Defense Women's
5 Health Improvement Act of 1993".

1 **TITLE I—WOMEN’S HEALTH**
2 **CARE**

3 **SEC. 101. PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH-CARE SERV-**
4 **ICES FOR WOMEN.**

5 (a) FEMALE MEMBERS AND RETIREES OF THE UNI-
6 FORMED SERVICES.—(1) Chapter 55 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1074c
8 the following new section:

9 **“§1074d. Primary and preventive health-care serv-**
10 **ices for women**

11 “Female members and former members of the uni-
12 formed services who are entitled to medical care under sec-
13 tion 1074 or 1074a of this title shall be furnished with
14 primary and preventive health-care services for women as
15 part of such medical care.”.

16 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
17 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
18 to section 1074c the following new item:

 “1074d. Primary and preventive health-care services for women.”.

19 (b) FEMALE DEPENDENTS.—Section 1077(a) of such
20 title is amended by adding at the end the following new
21 paragraph:

22 “(13) Primary and preventive health-care serv-
23 ices for women.”.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 1072 of such title is
2 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
3 graph:

4 “(6) The term ‘primary and preventive health-
5 care services for women’ means health-care services
6 provided to women, including counseling, relating to
7 the following:

8 “(A) Papanicolaou tests (pap smear).

9 “(B) Breast examinations and mammog-
10 raphy.

11 “(C) Comprehensive reproductive health
12 care, including care related to pregnancy.

13 “(D) Infertility and sexually transmitted
14 diseases, including prevention.

15 “(E) Menopause.

16 “(F) Physical or psychological conditions
17 arising out of acts of sexual violence.”.

18 **SEC. 102. REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF HEALTH-CARE**
19 **SERVICES TO WOMEN.**

20 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
21 shall prepare a report evaluating the provision of health-
22 care services through military medical treatment facilities
23 and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uni-
24 formed Services to female members of the uniformed serv-

1 ices and female covered beneficiaries eligible for health
2 care under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
4 (a) shall contain the following:

5 (1) A description of the medical personnel of
6 the Department of Defense who provided health-care
7 services during fiscal year 1993 to female members
8 and covered beneficiaries, including—

9 (A) the number of such personnel (includ-
10 ing both the number of individual employees
11 and the number of full-time employee equiva-
12 lents);

13 (B) the professional qualifications or spe-
14 cialty training of such personnel; and

15 (C) the medical facilities to which such
16 personnel were assigned.

17 (2) A description of any actions, including the
18 use of special pays and incentives, taken by the Sec-
19 retary during fiscal year 1993—

20 (A) to ensure the retention of the medical
21 personnel described in paragraph (1);

22 (B) to recruit additional personnel to pro-
23 vide health-care services to female members and
24 female covered beneficiaries; and

1 (C) to replace departing personnel who
2 provided such services.

3 (3) A description of any existing or proposed
4 programs to encourage specialization of health care
5 professionals in fields related to primary and preven-
6 tive health-care services for women.

7 (4) An assessment of any difficulties experi-
8 enced by military medical treatment facilities or the
9 Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uni-
10 formed Services in furnishing primary and preven-
11 tive health-care services for women and a description
12 of those actions taken by the Secretary to resolve
13 such difficulties.

14 (5) An assessment of the extent to which gen-
15 der-related factors impede or complicate diagnoses
16 (such as inappropriate psychiatric referrals and ad-
17 missions) made by medical personnel described in
18 paragraph (1).

19 (6) A description of the actions taken by the
20 Secretary to foster and encourage the expansion of
21 research relating to health care issues of concern to
22 female members of the uniformed services and fe-
23 male covered beneficiaries.

24 (c) POPULATION STUDY OF THE NEED OF FEMALE
25 MEMBERS AND FEMALE COVERED BENEFICIARIES FOR

1 HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.—(1) As part of the report re-
2 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary shall conduct a
3 study to determine the needs of female members of the
4 uniformed services and female covered beneficiaries for
5 health-care services, including primary and preventive
6 health-care services for women.

7 (2) The study shall examine the health needs of cur-
8 rent members and covered beneficiaries and future mem-
9 bers and covered beneficiaries based upon the anticipated
10 size and composition of the Armed Forces in the year
11 2000 and should be based on the demographics of society
12 as a whole.

13 (d) SUBMISSION AND REVISION.—The Secretary of
14 Defense shall submit the report required by subsection (a)
15 to Congress not later than April 1, 1994. The Secretary
16 shall revise and resubmit the report to Congress not later
17 than April 1, 1999.

18 (e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

19 (1) The term “primary and preventive health
20 care services for women” has the meaning given
21 such term in paragraph (6) of section 1072 of title
22 10, United States Code, as added by section 101(c)).

23 (2) The term “covered beneficiary” has the
24 meaning given such term in paragraph (5) of such
25 section.

1 **TITLE II—WOMEN’S HEALTH**
2 **RESEARCH**

3 **SEC. 201. DEFENSE WOMEN’S HEALTH RESEARCH CENTER.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER.—The Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall establish a Defense Women’s
6 Health Research Center (hereinafter in this section re-
7 ferred to as the “Center”) in the Department of the Army.
8 The Center shall be under the authority of the Army
9 Health Services Command.

10 (b) PURPOSES.—(1) The Center shall be the coordi-
11 nating agent for multidisciplinary and multiinstitutional
12 research within the Department of Defense on women’s
13 health issues related to service in the Armed Forces. The
14 Center shall be dedicated to development and application
15 of new knowledge, procedures, techniques, training, and
16 equipment for the improvement of the health of women
17 in the Armed Forces.

18 (2) In carrying out or sponsoring research studies,
19 the Center shall provide that the cohort of women in the
20 Armed Forces shall be considered as a control groups.

21 (3) The Center shall support the goals and objectives
22 recognized by the Department of Defense under the plan
23 of the Department of Health and Human Services des-
24 igned as “Healthy People 2000”.

1 (4) The Center shall support initiation and expansion
2 of research into matters relating to women's health in the
3 military, including the following matters as they relate to
4 women in the military:

5 (A) Combat stress and trauma.

6 (B) Exposure to toxins and other environmental
7 hazards associated with military hardware.

8 (C) Psychology related stresses in warfare situ-
9 ations.

10 (D) Breast cancer.

11 (E) Reproductive health, including pregnancy.

12 (F) Gynecological cancers.

13 (G) Infertility and sexually transmitted dis-
14 eases.

15 (H) HIV and AIDS.

16 (I) Mental health, including post-traumatic
17 stress disorder and depression.

18 (J) Menopause, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's dis-
19 ease, and other conditions and diseases related to
20 aging.

21 (K) Substance abuse.

22 (L) Sexual violence and related trauma.

23 (M) Human factor studies related to women in
24 combat.

1 (c) PREPARATION OF A PLAN.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense, acting through the Secretary of the Army and in
3 coordination with the other military departments, shall
4 prepare a plan for the implementation of this section. The
5 plan shall be submitted to the Committees on Armed Serv-
6 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives before
7 May 1, 1994.

8 (d) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT
9 OF CENTER.—(1) The Secretary shall provide for the es-
10 tablishment of the Center at an existing Army facility.

11 (2) The Center may be established only at a facility
12 having the following characteristics:

13 (A) A physical plant immediately available to
14 serve as headquarters for the medical activities to be
15 carried out by the Center.

16 (B) Ongoing fellowship and residency programs
17 colocated with ongoing collaborative health-related
18 and interdisciplinary research of (i) a facility of the
19 Department of Veterans Affairs, (ii) an accredited
20 university with specialties in medical research and
21 clinical diagnostics, and (iii) a hospital owned and
22 operated by a municipality.

23 (C) A technologically modern laboratory capa-
24 bility at the site and at the affiliated sites referred
25 to in subparagraph (B), with the capability to in-

1 clude state-of-the-art clinical diagnostic instrumenta-
2 tion, data processing, telecommunication, and data
3 storage systems.

4 (D) Compatibility with and capability to effec-
5 tively expand its existing mission in accordance with
6 the mission of the Center under this section.

7 (E) Maximum multi-State geographic jurisdic-
8 tion to permit regional health-related issues to be re-
9 searched and integrated into national military
10 databases.

11 (F) An existing relationship for the provision of
12 services to Native Americans through the Indian
13 Health Service.

14 (e) ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994.—During fis-
15 cal year 1994, the Center shall address the following:

16 (1) Program planning, infrastructure develop-
17 ment, baseline information gathering, technology in-
18 fusion, and connectivity.

19 (2) Management and technical staffing.

20 (3) Data base development of health issues re-
21 lated to service on active duty as compared to serv-
22 ice in the National Guard or Reserves.

23 (4) Research protocols, cohort development,
24 health surveillance and epidemiologic studies.

1 **SEC. 202. CONTINUATION OF ARMY BREAST CANCER RE-**
2 **SEARCH PROGRAM.**

3 During fiscal year 1994, the Secretary of the Army
4 shall continue the breast cancer research program estab-
5 lished in the second and third provisos in the paragraph
6 in title IV of the Department of Defense Appropriations
7 Act, 1993 (Public Law 102-396; 106 Stat. 1890) under
8 the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND
9 EVALUATION, ARMY" .

10 **SEC. 203. INCLUSION OF WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN CLIN-**
11 **ICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS.**

12 (a) GENERAL RULE.—In conducting or supporting
13 clinical research, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
14 that—

15 (1) women who are members of the Armed
16 Forces are included as subjects in each project of
17 such research; and

18 (2) members of minority groups who are mem-
19 bers of the Armed Forces are included as subjects
20 of such research.

21 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The requirement in sub-
22 section (a) regarding women and members of minority
23 groups who are members of the Armed Forces may be
24 waived by the Secretary of Defense with respect to a
25 project of clinical research if the Secretary determines that

1 the inclusion, as subjects in the project, of women and
2 members of minority groups, respectively—

3 (1) is inappropriate with respect to the health
4 of the subjects;

5 (2) is inappropriate with respect to the purpose
6 of the research; or

7 (3) is inappropriate under such other cir-
8 cumstances as the Secretary of Defense may des-
9 ignate.

10 (c) REQUIREMENT FOR ANALYSIS OF RESEARCH.—

11 In the case of a project of clinical research in which women
12 or members of minority groups will under subsection (a)
13 be included as subjects of the research, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall ensure that the project is designed and car-
15 ried out so as to provide for a valid analysis of whether
16 the variables being tested in the research affect women
17 or members of minority groups, as the case may be, dif-
18 ferently than other persons who are subjects of the re-
19 search.

20 **SEC. 204. REPORT ON RESEARCH RELATING TO FEMALE**
21 **MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**
22 **AND FEMALE COVERED BENEFICIARIES.**

23 Not later than July 1 of each of 1995, 1996, and
24 1997, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress
25 a report containing—

1 (1) a description (as of May 31 of the year in
2 which the report is submitted) of the status of any
3 health research that is being carried out by or under
4 the jurisdiction of the Secretary relating to female
5 members of the uniformed services and female cov-
6 ered beneficiaries under chapter 55 of title 10, Unit-
7 ed States Code; and

8 (2) recommendations of the Secretary as to fu-
9 ture health research (including a proposal for any
10 legislation relating to such research) relating to such
11 female members and covered beneficiaries.

12 **TITLE III—WOMEN’S HEALTH** 13 **EDUCATION**

14 **SEC. 301. WOMEN’S HEALTH CURRICULUM ADVISORY COM-** 15 **MITTEE.**

16 The Secretary of Defense shall establish at the F.
17 Edward Hebert School of Medicine of the Uniformed Serv-
18 ices University of the Health Sciences a women’s health
19 curriculum advisory committee to promote the comprehen-
20 sive integration of women’s health issues into the curricu-
21 lum at the University. The committee shall include the
22 surgeon general of each of the military departments and
23 the dean of the School of Medicine. The committee shall
24 be established by April 1, 1994.

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