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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the development or expansion of research centers on women's midlife health, including menopause and menopausal health conditions.

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Mrs. LLOYD (for herself, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. MEEK, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 "Women's Midlife
5 Health Research Act".

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH**
2 **CENTERS ON WOMEN'S MIDLIFE HEALTH**
3 **CARE, INCLUDING MENOPAUSE AND MENO-**
4 **PAUSAL HEALTH CONDITIONS.**

5 Subpart 5 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285e et seq.) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following section:

8 "RESEARCH CENTERS ON MENOPAUSE AND MENOPAUSAL
9 HEALTH CONDITIONS

10 "SEC. 445G. (a) The Director of the Institute, after
11 consultation with the advisory council for the Institute,
12 shall provide for the development or expansion of not less
13 than 5 centers for research on—

14 "(1) the process by which the functioning of the
15 ovaries diminishes or ceases completely (in this sec-
16 tion referred to as 'menopause'); and

17 "(2) conditions arising from the diminished or
18 complete cessation of the functioning of the ovaries,
19 whether occurring naturally or otherwise (in this
20 section referred to as 'menopausal health condi-
21 tions').

22 "(b) Each center assisted under this section shall—

23 "(1)(A) use the facilities of a single institution
24 or a consortium of cooperating institutions; and

25 "(B) meet such qualifications as may be pre-
26 scribed by the Secretary;

1 “(2) conduct basic and clinical research into the
2 natural history of menopause in order to improve
3 the state of medical knowledge or methods regarding
4 the cause, diagnosis, early detection, prevention, con-
5 trol, and treatment of menopausal health conditions;

6 “(3) develop multidisciplinary models of health
7 care regarding menopause and menopausal health
8 conditions;

9 “(4) conduct educational and training programs
10 on menopause and menopausal health conditions for
11 physicians, scientists, and other health and allied
12 health professionals;

13 “(5) conduct information and continuing edu-
14 cation programs for physicians and other health and
15 allied health professionals who provide care for pa-
16 tients with such conditions; and

17 “(6) conduct programs for the dissemination to
18 the general public of information on menopause and
19 menopausal health conditions.

20 “(c) In carrying out subsection (b)(2), the Director
21 of the Institute shall ensure that centers assisted under
22 this section—

23 “(1) conduct research on hormonal treatments
24 for menopausal health conditions, research on
25 nonhormonal treatments of symptoms arising from

1 such conditions, and research on the relationship be-
2 tween such conditions and cardiovascular disease,
3 osteoporosis, bone fractures, bladder conditions,
4 breast and uterine cancers, and other conditions that
5 research indicates may be relevant; and

6 “(2) conduct research to determine whether and
7 to what extent differences may exist, with respect to
8 menopause and menopausal health conditions,
9 among various socioeconomic groups, ethnic groups,
10 and racial groups.

11 “(d) In carrying out subsection (a), the Director of
12 the Institute, in consultation with the Director of NIH
13 and the Administrator for Health Care Policy and Re-
14 search, shall establish a program to develop protocols for
15 the prevention and treatment of menopausal health condi-
16 tions and other conditions regarding women’s midlife
17 health.

18 “(e) A center may use funds provided under sub-
19 section (a) to provide stipends for health professionals en-
20 rolled in educational or training programs described in
21 subsection (b)(4).

22 “(f) The Director shall ensure that the activities of
23 centers assisted under this section are coordinated among
24 the centers.

1 “(g) The Director of the Institute shall, to the extent
2 practicable, provide for an equitable geographical distribu-
3 tion of centers assisted under this section.

4 “(h) Support of a center under this section may be
5 for a period of not to exceed five years. Such period may
6 be extended by the Director of the Institute for one or
7 more additional periods of not more than five years if the
8 operations of such center have been reviewed by an appro-
9 priate technical and scientific peer review group estab-
10 lished by the Director and if such group has recommended
11 to the Director that such period should be extended.”.

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