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H. R. 6203

To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand research and education with respect to endometrial cancer, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself and Ms. NORTON) 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 “Endometrial Cancer
5 Research and Education Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Endometrial cancer is cancer of the lining
9 of the uterus (or endometrium) and is the most com-
10 mon form of uterine cancer.

1 (2) Endometrial cancer is the fourth most com-
2 mon cancer diagnosed in women, after breast, lung,
3 and colon cancer.

4 (3) Endometrial cancer mainly affects post-
5 menopausal women, with most women diagnosed be-
6 tween age 55 and 64.

7 (4) Women with polycystic ovary syndrome
8 (PCOS) have an increased risk of developing
9 endometrial cancer.

10 (5) Unlike most other types of cancer, the inci-
11 dence of endometrial cancer, particularly aggressive
12 subtypes of such cancer, has been increasing in the
13 United States among all women, particularly among
14 African-American and Asian women, with a 2.5 an-
15 nual percent change for both groups.

16 (6) In comparison to non-Hispanic White
17 women, African-American women have significantly
18 higher incidence rates of aggressive endometrial can-
19 cers.

20 (7) Such incidence rates for Hispanic and Asian
21 women are equal to or lower than such incidence
22 rates for non-Hispanic White women.

23 (8) Although non-Hispanic White women are
24 more likely to be diagnosed with endometrial cancer

1 in comparison to African-American women, the rate
2 of mortality is higher for African-American women.

3 (9) Currently, the cause of such disparity is un-
4 known. Researchers have studied the disparity in re-
5 lation to the time between diagnosis and treatment
6 of endometrial cancer, including socioeconomic fac-
7 tors.

8 **SEC. 3. EXPANDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION WITH RE-**
9 **SPECT TO ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

10 (a) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—Part B of
11 title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284
12 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
13 new section:

14 **“SEC. 409K. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall—

16 “(1) expand, intensify, and coordinate programs
17 to conduct and support research with respect to
18 endometrial cancer; and

19 “(2) communicate to medical professionals and
20 researchers, including through the endometrial can-
21 cer public education program established under sec-
22 tion 399V–7, the disparity in the diagnosis of
23 endometrial cancer between African-American
24 women and non-Hispanic White women and any new
25 research relating to endometrial cancer.

1 “(b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTES.—
 2 The Director of NIH shall coordinate activities carried out
 3 by the Director pursuant to subsection (a) with similar
 4 activities carried out by—

5 “(1) the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriv-
 6 er National Institute of Child Health and Human
 7 Development;

8 “(2) the Director of the National Institute on
 9 Minority Health and Health Disparities; and

10 “(3) the Director of the Office of Research on
 11 Women’s Health.

12 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
 13 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
 14 to be appropriated \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
 15 through 2021.”.

16 (b) CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVEN-
 17 TION.—Part P of title III of the Public Health Service
 18 Act (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at
 19 the end the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 399V-7. ENDOMETRIAL CANCER PUBLIC EDUCATION**
 21 **PROGRAM.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
 23 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
 24 vention, shall develop and disseminate to the public infor-
 25 mational materials on endometrial cancer, including the

1 incidence rate of such cancer, the risk factors for devel-
2 oping such cancer, the increased risk for ethnic minority
3 women to develop such cancer, and the range of available
4 treatments for such cancer. Any informational material
5 developed pursuant to the previous sentence may be trans-
6 mitted to a nonprofit organization; institution of higher
7 education; Federal, State, or local agency; or media entity
8 for purposes of disseminating such material to the public.

9 “(b) CONSULTATION.—In developing and dissemi-
10 nating informational materials under subsection (a), the
11 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
12 tion shall consult with the Administrator of the Health
13 Resources and Services Administration.

14 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
15 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
16 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
17 each of fiscal years 2019 through 2021.”.

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