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H. R. 3771

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2021

Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. CHU, Mr. CARSON, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WILD, Mr. BERA, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. POSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, 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 “South Asian Heart
3 Health Awareness and Research Act of 2022”.

4 **SEC. 2. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

5 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
6 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317U
7 (42 U.S.C. 247b–23) the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 317V. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
10 to States for the purpose of promoting awareness of the
11 increasing prevalence of heart disease, including, where
12 appropriate, its relationship to type 2 diabetes, in commu-
13 nities disproportionately affected by heart disease such as
14 South Asian communities in the United States.

15 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant
16 under subsection (a) shall use such grant funds—

17 “(1) to develop culturally appropriate materials
18 on evidence-based heart health promotion topics,
19 such as nutrition education, optimal diet plans, and
20 programs for regular exercise;

21 “(2) to support heart health promotion activi-
22 ties of community organizations that work with or
23 serve communities disproportionately affected by
24 heart disease, such as South Asian communities in
25 the United States; or

1 “(3) to support, with respect to research con-
2 ducted relating to heart disease, conferences and
3 workshops on how practices, methodologies, and de-
4 signs of such research should be changed to include
5 in such research more members of communities dis-
6 proportionately affected by heart disease, such as
7 South Asian communities in the United States.

8 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
9 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the
10 South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act
11 of 2022, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-
12 mit to Congress a report on outreach efforts and data re-
13 lating to heart disease in communities disproportionately
14 affected by heart disease, such as South Asian commu-
15 nities in the United States.

16 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
17 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
18 to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
19 2023 through 2027.”.

20 **SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

21 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
23 the following new section:

24 **“SEC. 409K. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

1 “(1) conduct or support research and related
2 activities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 di-
3 abetes, and other heart health-related ailments
4 among at-risk populations, including South Asian
5 communities in the United States; and

6 “(2) establish an internet clearinghouse to cata-
7 log existing evidence-based heart health research and
8 treatment options for communities disproportion-
9 ately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian
10 communities in the United States, to prevent, treat,
11 or reverse heart disease and diabetes.

12 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
13 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
14 to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
15 2023 through 2027.”.