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To amend the Public Health Service Act to include public awareness about menopause and related chronic conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “We’re Addressing the
5 Realities of Menopause Act of 2023” or the “WARM Act
6 of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. MENOPAUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317 of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following new subsection:

5 “(o) MENOPAUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
7 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
8 Control and Prevention, shall carry out a national
9 program to increase awareness of—

10 “(A) symptoms and trajectories of changes
11 across the menopausal transition and the post-
12 menopausal transition;

13 “(B) related chronic conditions; and

14 “(C) the entire range of treatment and
15 therapy options that may, consistent with Fed-
16 eral law, be prescribed by a health care provider
17 for those symptoms, changes, and conditions.

18 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the na-
19 tional campaign required by paragraph (1), the Sec-
20 retary shall consult with the Director of the Na-
21 tional Institutes of Health, the Director of the Na-
22 tional Institute on Aging, the Administrator of the
23 Health Resources and Services Administration, the
24 Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and
25 Quality, the Under Secretary for Health of the De-
26 partment of Veterans Affairs, the Director of the

1 Defense Health Agency, the Director of the Indian
2 Health Service, health care providers, public health
3 associations, nonprofit organizations that promote
4 the health and quality of life of women during mid-
5 life and beyond, and nonprofit organizations with ex-
6 pertise in menopause research and advocacy, to so-
7 licit input on evidence-informed information for pol-
8 icy development and program development, imple-
9 mentation, and evaluation.

10 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—The national campaign
11 required by paragraph (1) may—

12 “(A) include the use of evidence-informed
13 media and public engagement;

14 “(B) include the development of edu-
15 cational programs, materials, and public service
16 announcements;

17 “(C) include the development of culturally
18 and linguistically competent resources tailored
19 for—

20 “(i) communities or groups with more
21 severe or frequent symptoms of menopause
22 or lower rates of treatment for symptoms
23 of menopause;

24 “(ii) rural communities; and

1 “(iii) other communities as the Sec-
2 retary determines appropriate;

3 “(D) include the dissemination of edu-
4 cational programs, materials, and public service
5 announcements to—

6 “(i) health care providers, health care
7 facilities (including primary care providers,
8 community health centers, rural health
9 clinics, obstetricians, and gynecologists),
10 and State and local public health depart-
11 ments; and

12 “(ii) other entities as the Secretary
13 determines appropriate to increase aware-
14 ness as described in paragraph (1);

15 “(E) be complementary to, and coordi-
16 nated with, any other Federal efforts with re-
17 spect to menopause education and treatment;
18 and

19 “(F) include message testing to identify
20 culturally competent and effective messages for
21 behavioral change.

22 “(4) OPTIONS FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFOR-
23 MATION.—The national campaign required by para-
24 graph (1) may—

25 “(A) include the use of—

1 “(i) social media, television, radio,
2 print, the internet, and other media;

3 “(ii) in-person or virtual public com-
4 munications; and

5 “(iii) licensed health care providers
6 and members of target communities or
7 groups specified in paragraph (3)(C);

8 “(B) be targeted to specific groups and
9 communities specified in paragraph (3)(C); and

10 “(C) be carried out through grants or co-
11 operative agreements to private nonprofit enti-
12 ties with a history of developing and imple-
13 menting similar campaigns.

14 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
15 amounts made available to the Secretary for other
16 purposes, the Secretary may use up to \$70,000,000
17 of such amounts for the period of fiscal years 2025
18 through 2028 for the purpose of carrying out the
19 program under this section.”.

20 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than the end
21 of calendar year 2025, the Secretary of Health and
22 Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Energy
23 and Commerce, the Committee on Ways and Means, the
24 Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the Committee on
25 Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives

1 and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
2 Pensions, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on
3 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the
4 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate a report
5 that contains—

6 (1) a qualitative assessment of the public
7 awareness program under section 317(o) of the Pub-
8 lic Health Service Act, as added by subsection (a);
9 and

10 (2) a description of the activities conducted
11 under such campaign.

12 **SEC. 3. MENOPAUSE EDUCATION AND TRAINING GRANTS.**

13 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
15 tion 757 (42 U.S.C. 294f) the following:

16 **“SEC. 758. MENOPAUSE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
17 **GRANTS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
19 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
20 Administration, in consultation with the Director of the
21 National Institute on Aging, the directors of other insti-
22 tutes, centers, and offices of the National Institutes of
23 Health as determined appropriate by the Secretary, the
24 Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Qual-
25 ity, the Under Secretary for Health of the Department

1 of Veterans Affairs, the Director of the Defense Health
2 Agency, and the Director of the Indian Health Service,
3 shall award grants to eligible entities for the purposes de-
4 scribed in subsection (b).

5 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant received under this
6 section shall be used for any of the following:

7 “(1) Training (including for individuals com-
8 pleting a residency, fellowship, or other clinical
9 training for licensure) for physicians, nurse practi-
10 tioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, and
11 pharmacists to improve communication and provider
12 preparedness in the management of menopausal
13 symptoms and related chronic conditions.

14 “(2) Establishing, maintaining, or improving
15 academic units or programs that provide training for
16 students or faculty, including through clinical experi-
17 ences and research, to improve the ability to be able
18 to recognize, diagnose, and treat menopause symp-
19 toms and related chronic conditions.

20 “(3) Developing evidence-informed practices or
21 recommendations for the design of units or pro-
22 grams referred to in paragraph (2), including cur-
23 riculum content standards.

1 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
2 under this section, an entity shall be located in the United
3 States and—

4 “(1) a school of medicine or osteopathic medi-
5 cine, a school of nursing (as defined in section 801),
6 a physician assistant training program, a school of
7 pharmacy, an accredited public or nonprofit private
8 hospital, or an accredited medical residency pro-
9 gram; or

10 “(2) a public or private nonprofit entity which
11 the Secretary has determined is capable of carrying
12 out the program or activities to be funded through
13 the grant.

14 “(d) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding
15 grants under this section, the Secretary shall ensure, to
16 the greatest extent possible, that such grants are equitably
17 distributed among the geographical regions of the United
18 States.

19 “(e) PARTNERSHIP REQUIRED.—As a condition on
20 receipt of a grant under this section, an eligible entity
21 shall agree to carry out the program or activities to be
22 funded through the grant in partnership with one or more
23 organizations such as an education accrediting organiza-
24 tion (such as the Liaison Committee on Medical Edu-
25 cation, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical

1 Education, the Commission on Osteopathic College Ac-
2 creditation, the Accreditation Commission for Education
3 in Nursing, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Edu-
4 cation, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education,
5 or the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for
6 the Physician Assistant).

7 “(f) APPLICATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To seek a grant under this
9 section, an eligible entity shall submit an application
10 to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner, and
11 containing such information as may be specified by
12 the Secretary.

13 “(2) MINIMUM CONTENTS.—At a minimum, an
14 application under paragraph (1) shall include—

15 “(A) a description of how the eligible enti-
16 ty intends to implement the activities required
17 by subsection (b); and

18 “(B) a description of benchmarks to be
19 used to measure the success of the implementa-
20 tion of such activities.

21 “(g) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

22 “(1) PERIOD OF GRANTS.—A grant awarded to
23 an eligible entity under this section shall be for the
24 period beginning on the date of the award and end-

1 ing on the date that is 5 years after the establish-
2 ment of the grant program under this section.

3 “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
4 section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible
5 entities that—

6 “(A) demonstrate sufficient size, scope,
7 and capacity to carry out the training described
8 in subsection (b) with respect to an appropriate
9 number of physicians, nurse practitioners, phy-
10 sician assistants, registered nurses, and phar-
11 macists each year to meet the needs of the area
12 to be served;

13 “(B) demonstrate experience in training
14 providers to practice team-based care that inte-
15 grates menopause training and treatment proto-
16 cols with primary care in community-based set-
17 tings; and

18 “(C) have the capacity to expand access to
19 menopause training and treatment services in
20 areas with demonstrated need, as determined by
21 the Secretary, such as Tribal, rural, or other
22 underserved communities.

23 “(h) DATA SUBMISSION; REPORTING.—

24 “(1) DATA SUBMISSION BY GRANTEES.—Not
25 later than 90 days after the first year of a training

1 program funded through a grant under this section,
2 and not later than 90 days after each subsequent
3 year of such training program during which such
4 funding continues, the recipient of the grant shall
5 submit to the Secretary such data as the Secretary
6 may require for purposes of preparing the report
7 under paragraph (2).

8 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.— Not later than
9 1 year after receipt under paragraph (1) of data
10 from grantees for a year, the Secretary shall submit
11 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the
12 Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on
13 Veterans’ Affairs, and the Committee on Oversight
14 and Reform of the House of Representatives and the
15 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
16 sions, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on
17 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and
18 the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate a
19 report that includes—

20 “(A) the findings and conclusions of the
21 Secretary with respect to menopause curricula
22 in schools and training programs receiving
23 funding through a grant under this section;

24 “(B) an assessment of the benefits of the
25 grant program under this section for—

1 “(i) establishing best practices for
2 health care providers to treat patients in
3 the clinical setting;

4 “(ii) providing greater awareness of
5 menopause and related chronic conditions
6 to—

7 “(I) physicians and other health
8 care professionals; and

9 “(II) patients of such physicians
10 and professionals; and

11 “(iii) improving the quality, quantity,
12 and distribution of menopause treatment
13 and training; and

14 “(C) a description of the benefits of, and
15 barriers to, integrating menopause curricula at
16 health professions schools and training pro-
17 grams.

18 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
19 amounts made available to the Secretary for other pur-
20 poses, the Secretary may use up to \$31,700,000 of such
21 amounts for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2028
22 for the purpose of carrying out the program under this
23 section.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN MENO-**
2 **PAUSE EDUCATION.**

3 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
5 tion 758 (as added by section 3) the following:

6 **“SEC. 758A. REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN MENO-**
7 **PAUSE EDUCATION.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
9 with such other officials as the Secretary determines ap-
10 propriate, shall award cooperative agreements to eligible
11 entities for—

12 “(1) the designation of such entities as Re-
13 gional Centers of Excellence in Menopause Edu-
14 cation; and

15 “(2) the support of such Regional Centers of
16 Excellence to enhance and improve how health pro-
17 fessionals are educated in menopause through devel-
18 opment, evaluation, and distribution of evidence-
19 based curricula for health professions schools.

20 “(b) SELECTION OF REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCEL-
21 LENCE.—

22 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to re-
23 ceive a cooperative agreement under subsection (a),
24 an entity shall—

25 “(A) be an entity offering education to stu-
26 dents in various health professions, such as—

1 “(i) a health system;

2 “(ii) a teaching hospital;

3 “(iii) a medical school, a school of
4 nursing (as defined in section 801), a
5 school offering a physician assistant edu-
6 cation program, or a school of pharmacy;
7 and

8 “(iv) any other health profession
9 school, school of public health, or institu-
10 tion of higher education engaged in an as-
11 pect of the management of menopause;

12 “(B) be accredited by the appropriate edu-
13 cational accreditation body;

14 “(C) demonstrate an existing strategy, and
15 have in place a plan for continuing such strat-
16 egy, or have a proposed strategy, to implement
17 a curriculum based on best practices for meno-
18 pause treatment and education; and

19 “(D) provide to the Secretary such infor-
20 mation, at such time, and in such manner, as
21 the Secretary may require.

22 “(2) DIVERSITY.—In awarding cooperative
23 agreements under subsection (a), the Secretary
24 shall—

1 “(A) take into account regional differences
2 among eligible entities; and

3 “(B) make an effort to ensure geographic
4 diversity.

5 “(c) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

6 “(1) PUBLIC POSTING.—The Secretary shall
7 make information provided to the Secretary under
8 subsection (b)(1)(D) publicly available on the
9 website of the Department of Health and Human
10 Services.

11 “(2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall—

12 “(A) evaluate each project carried out by a
13 Regional Center of Excellence in Menopause
14 Education through funding received under this
15 section; and

16 “(B) disseminate the results of each such
17 evaluation to appropriate public and private en-
18 tities.

19 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
20 amounts made available to the Secretary for other pur-
21 poses, the Secretary may use such sums as may be nec-
22 essary for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2028
23 for the purpose of carrying out the program under this
24 section.”.