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# H. R. 3771

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2022

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions

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## AN ACT

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) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

9           “(1) STUDY ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CER-  
10          TAIN RATES OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY AS A  
11          RESULT OF HEART DISEASE IN AT-RISK POPU-  
12          LATIONS.—

13           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60  
14          days after the date of enactment of this section,  
15          the Secretary shall seek to enter into an agree-  
16          ment with the National Academies of Sciences,  
17          Engineering, and Medicine (or, if the National  
18          Academies decline to enter into the agreement,  
19          another appropriate entity) under which the  
20          National Academies (or other appropriate enti-  
21          ty) will conduct a study of the relationship be-  
22          tween COVID–19 and rates of morbidity and  
23          mortality as a result of heart disease in at-risk  
24          populations, such as South Asian communities  
25          in the United States.

1           “(B) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years  
2           after the date of enactment of this section, the  
3           Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report  
4           on the results of the study under subsection (a).

5           “(2) REPORT ON OUTREACH.—Not later than  
6           180 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
7           tion, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall  
8           submit to Congress a report on outreach efforts and  
9           data relating to heart disease in communities dis-  
10          proportionately affected by heart disease, such as  
11          South Asian communities in the United States.

12          “(d) 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.”.

16 **SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

17          Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
18          (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
19          the following new section:

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

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

22                  “(1) conduct or support research and related  
23                  activities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 di-  
24                  abetes, and other heart health-related ailments

1 among at-risk populations, including South Asian  
2 communities in the United States; and

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives July 27, 2022.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*