

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2941

To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2009

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. ISSA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KIND, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. SIRES, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. ROYCE, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. OLVER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. LYNCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

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. REAUTHORIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF**
2 **JOHANNA'S LAW.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 317P(d)(4) of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)(4)) is amended
5 by inserting after “2009” the following: “, \$16,500,000
6 for the period of fiscal years 2010 through 2012, and such
7 sums as are necessary for each subsequent fiscal year”.

8 (b) **COLLABORATION WITH NONPROFIT**
9 **GYNECOLOGIC CANCER ORGANIZATIONS.**—Section
10 317P(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17(d)) is amended
11 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

12 “(5) **COLLABORATION WITH NONPROFIT**
13 **GYNECOLOGIC CANCER ORGANIZATIONS.**—In car-
14 rying out the national campaign under this sub-
15 section, the Secretary shall collaborate with the lead-
16 ing nonprofit gynecologic cancer organizations, with
17 a mission both to conquer ovarian cancer nationwide
18 and to provide outreach to State and local govern-
19 ments and communities, for the purpose of deter-
20 mining the best practices for providing gynecologic
21 cancer information and outreach services to varied
22 populations.”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-**
2 **REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES RELAT-**
3 **ING TO GYNECOLOGIC CANCER.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317P of the Public
5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–17) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(e) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-
8 REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
10 out a program to make grants to nonprofit private
11 entities for the purpose of carrying out demonstra-
12 tion projects to test different outreach and education
13 strategies to increase the awareness and knowledge
14 of women and health care providers with respect to
15 gynecologic cancers, including early warning signs,
16 risk factors, prevention, screening, and treatment
17 options. Such strategies shall include strategies di-
18 rected at women and their families, physicians,
19 nurses, and key health professionals.

20 “(2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In
21 making grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary
22 shall give preference to—

23 “(A) applicants with demonstrated exper-
24 tise in gynecologic cancer education or treat-
25 ment or in working with groups of women who

1 are at especially high risk of gynecologic can-
2 cers; and

3 “(B) applicants that, in the demonstration
4 project funded by the grant, will establish link-
5 ages between physicians, nurses, and key health
6 professionals, hospitals, payers, and State
7 health departments.

8 “(3) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may
9 be made under paragraph (1) only if an application
10 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the
11 application is in such form, is made in such manner,
12 and contains such agreements, assurances, and in-
13 formation as the Secretary determines to be nec-
14 essary to carry out this subsection.

15 “(4) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In making
16 grants under paragraph (1)—

17 “(A) the Secretary shall make grants to
18 not fewer than five applicants, subject to the
19 extent of amounts made available in appropria-
20 tions Acts; and

21 “(B) the Secretary shall ensure that infor-
22 mation provided through demonstration projects
23 under such grants is consistent with the best
24 available medical information.

1 “(5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
2 months after the date of the enactment of this sub-
3 section and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall
4 submit to the Congress a report that—

5 “(A) summarizes the activities of dem-
6 onstration projects under paragraph (1);

7 “(B) evaluates the extent to which the
8 projects were effective in increasing early detec-
9 tion of gynecologic cancers and awareness of
10 risk factors and early warning signs in the pop-
11 ulations to which the projects were directed;
12 and

13 “(C) identifies barriers to early detection
14 and appropriate treatment of such cancers.

15 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of car-
17 rying out this subsection, there is authorized to
18 be appropriated in the aggregate \$15,000,000
19 for the period of fiscal years 2010 through
20 2012 and such sums as are necessary for each
21 subsequent fiscal year.

22 “(B) ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL AS-
23 SISTANCE, AND EVALUATION.—Of the amounts
24 appropriated under subparagraph (A), not more
25 than 9 percent may be expended for the pur-

1 pose of administering this subsection, providing
2 technical assistance to grantees under this sub-
3 section, and preparing the report under para-
4 graph (5).”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection
6 (d)(3)(A) of such section is amended by inserting “(other
7 than subsections (e))” after “this section”.

○