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H. R. 5645

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for Alzheimer's disease research.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL 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 "United States-Israel
5 Alzheimer's Disease Cooperation Act".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) It is in the highest national interests of the
9 United States to further research into Alzheimer's
10 disease.

1 (2) The State of Israel is a steadfast ally of the
2 United States.

3 (3) The special relationship between the United
4 States and Israel is manifested in a variety of coop-
5 erative scientific research and development pro-
6 grams, such as—

7 (A) the United States-Israel Binational
8 Science Foundation;

9 (B) the United States-Israel Binational In-
10 dustrial Research and Development Founda-
11 tion; and

12 (C) the United States-Israel Energy Co-
13 operation Act.

14 (4) Those programs have made possible many
15 scientific, technological, and commercial break-
16 throughs in fields including the life sciences, medi-
17 cine, bioengineering, agriculture, biotechnology, com-
18 munications, and energy development.

19 (5) Israeli scientists are at the forefront of re-
20 search and development in the field of Alzheimer’s
21 disease.

22 (6) Enhanced cooperation between the United
23 States and Israel for the purpose of research in Alz-
24 heimer’s disease would be in the national interests of
25 both countries.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH.**

2 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

3 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health
4 and Human Services (in this section referred to as
5 the “Secretary”) shall establish a program of award-
6 ing grants to support research on the development
7 and commercialization of applicable tools, treat-
8 ments, and cures for Alzheimer’s disease and other
9 dementias.

10 (2) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—To be eligible for
11 funding under this section, a project shall—

12 (A) be designed to further research de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1); and

14 (B) be a joint venture between—

15 (i)(I) a for-profit business entity, aca-
16 demic institution, National Laboratory (as
17 defined in section 2 of the Energy Policy
18 Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801)), or non-
19 profit entity in the United States; and

20 (II) a for-profit business entity, aca-
21 demic institution, or nonprofit entity in
22 Israel; or

23 (ii)(I) the Federal Government; and

24 (II) the Government of Israel.

25 (3) APPLICATIONS.—To seek a grant under this
26 section, an applicant shall submit to the Secretary

1 an application in accordance with procedures estab-
2 lished by the Secretary, in consultation with the ad-
3 visory board established under paragraph (4).

4 (4) ADVISORY BOARD.—

5 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
6 shall establish an advisory board—

7 (i) to monitor the method by which
8 grants are awarded under this section; and

9 (ii) to provide to the Secretary peri-
10 odic performance reviews of actions taken
11 to carry out this section.

12 (B) COMPOSITION.—The advisory board
13 established under subparagraph (A) shall be
14 composed of 3 members, to be appointed by the
15 Secretary, of whom—

16 (i) 1 shall be a representative of the
17 Federal Government;

18 (ii) 1 shall be selected from a list of
19 nominees provided by the United States-
20 Israel Binational Science Foundation; and

21 (iii) 1 shall be selected from a list of
22 nominees provided by the United States-
23 Israel Binational Industrial Research and
24 Development Foundation.

1 (5) CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.—Notwithstanding
2 section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, the
3 Secretary may accept, retain, and use funds contrib-
4 uted by any person, government entity, or organiza-
5 tion for purposes of carrying out this section—

6 (A) without further appropriation; and

7 (B) without fiscal year limitation.

8 (6) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
9 the date of completion of a project for which a grant
10 is provided under this section, the grant recipient
11 shall submit to the Secretary a report that con-
12 tains—

13 (A) a description of the method by which
14 the recipient used the grant funds; and

15 (B) an evaluation of the level of success of
16 each project funded by the grant.

17 (7) CLASSIFICATION.—Grants shall be awarded
18 under this section only for projects that are consid-
19 ered to be unclassified by both the United States
20 and Israel.

21 (b) TERMINATION.—The grant program and the ad-
22 visory committee established under this section terminate
23 on the date that is 7 years after the date of enactment
24 of this Act.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$3,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2017 through
4 2023. Any amounts appropriated pursuant to this sub-
5 section shall be in addition to amounts accepted, retained,
6 and used pursuant to subsection (a)(5).

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