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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

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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

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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 “South Asian Heart
5 Health Awareness and Research Act of 2021”.

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

2 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317U
4 (42 U.S.C. 247b–23) the following new section:

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

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

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

14 “(1) to develop culturally appropriate materials
15 on evidence-based topics such as nutrition education,
16 optimal diet plans, and programs for regular exer-
17 cise;

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

23 “(3) to support conferences or workshops on re-
24 search practices, methodology, and design to include
25 more members of communities disproportionately af-

1 fected by heart disease, such as South Asian com-
2 munities in the United States, in scientific studies.

3 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
4 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the
5 South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act
6 of 2021, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-
7 mit to Congress a report on outreach efforts and data re-
8 lating to heart disease in communities disproportionately
9 affected by heart disease, such as South Asian commu-
10 nities in the United States.

11 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
12 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
13 to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
14 2022 through 2026.”.

15 **SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

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

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

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

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

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

7 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
8 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
9 to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
10 2022 through 2026.”.

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