

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “South Asian Heart
5 Health Awareness and Research Act of 2026”.

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-
9 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, may award sup-
10 plemental grant funds to States receiving Federal funding

1 for heart health activities. Such supplemental funds shall
2 be used to promote awareness of the increasing prevalence
3 of heart disease, including, where appropriate, its relation-
4 ship to type 2 diabetes, in communities disproportionately
5 affected by heart disease, such as South Asian commu-
6 nities in the United States.

7 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives supple-
8 mental grant funds under subsection (a) shall use such
9 grant funds to—

10 (1) develop culturally appropriate materials on
11 evidence-based heart health promotion topics, such
12 as nutrition education, optimal diet plans, and pro-
13 grams for regular exercise;

14 (2) support heart health promotion activities of
15 community organizations that work with or serve
16 communities disproportionately affected by heart
17 disease, such as South Asian communities in the
18 United States;

19 (3) support, with respect to research conducted
20 relating to heart disease, conferences and workshops
21 on how practices, methodologies, and designs of such
22 research should be changed to include in such re-
23 search more members of communities disproportion-
24 ately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian
25 communities in the United States; or

1 (4) conduct or support research and related ac-
2 tivities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 dia-
3 betes, and other heart health-related ailments among
4 at-risk populations, including South Asian commu-
5 nities in the United States.

6 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Health and Human Services shall submit to the Com-
9 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the
10 Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
11 the House of Representatives a report on activities sup-
12 ported under subsection (a) and data relating to heart dis-
13 ease in communities disproportionately affected by heart
14 disease.

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-
16 poses of carrying out this section, there is authorized to
17 be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027
18 through 2031.