

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the 21st Century Cures Act to reauthorize the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group, to reauthorize the Kay Hagan Tick Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WARNER 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 “Strengthening Tick-
5 borne disease Opposition and Prevention Through Invest-
6 ment in Collaboration, Knowledge, and Surveillance Act”
7 or the “STOP TICKS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TICK-BORNE DISEASE WORKING GROUP.**

2 Section 2062(c) of the 21st Century Cures Act (42
3 U.S.C. 284s(c)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “date of enactment of this Act”
5 each place it appears and inserting “date of enact-
6 ment of the STOP TICKS Act”;

7 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “all efforts
8 within the Department of Health and Human Serv-
9 ices” and inserting “all efforts across the Federal
10 Government”; and

11 (3) in paragraph (3)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
14 by striking “Seven” and inserting “Thir-
15 teen”; and

16 (ii) by striking clause (v) and insert-
17 ing the following:

18 “(v) The Agricultural Research Serv-
19 ice.

20 “(vi) The Forest Service.

21 “(vii) The National Park Service.

22 “(viii) The National Institute of Food
23 and Agriculture.

24 “(ix) The Environmental Protection
25 Agency.

1 “(x) The United States Fish and
2 Wildlife Service.

3 “(xi) The Animal and Plant Health
4 Inspection Service.

5 “(xii) The Bureau of Land Manage-
6 ment.

7 “(xiii) The Defense Health Agency.”;
8 and

9 (B) in subparagraph (B), in the matter
10 preceding clause (i), by striking “Seven” and
11 inserting “Ten”.

12 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL STRATEGY AND REGIONAL CENTERS OF**
13 **EXCELLENCE IN VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES.**

14 Section 317U(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 247b–23(f)) is amended by striking “\$10,000,000
16 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025” and inserting
17 “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through
18 2030”.

19 **SEC. 4. ENHANCED SUPPORT TO ASSIST HEALTH DEPART-**
20 **MENTS IN ADDRESSING VECTOR-BORNE DIS-**
21 **EASES.**

22 Section 2822(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42
23 U.S.C. 300hh–32(c)) is amended by striking
24 “\$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025”

1 and inserting “\$21,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
2 through 2030”.