

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 758
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pediatric Research
3 Consortia Establishment Act”.

4 SEC. 2. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.

5 Subpart 7 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285g et seq.) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following:

8 “SEC. 452H. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH, acting
10 through the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Na-
11 tional Institute of Child Health and Human Development
12 and in collaboration with all other Institutes of the Na-
13 tional Institutes of Health that support pediatric research,
14 may, subject to the availability of funds, award grants,
15 contracts, or cooperative agreements to public or nonprofit
16 private entities to pay all or part of the cost of planning,
17 establishing, and providing basic operating support for up
18 to 20 national pediatric research consortia. The Director

1 of NIH shall take unmet research needs into account when
2 making awards under this section.

3 “(b) RESEARCH.—Research conducted under this
4 section shall supplement, but not replace, research that
5 is otherwise conducted or supported as part of the com-
6 prehensive pediatric research portfolio of entities receiving
7 awards under subsection (a). Consortia established under
8 subsection (a) shall, in the aggregate, conduct basic, clin-
9 ical, behavioral, social, or translational research to meet
10 unmet research needs, as well as training in and dem-
11 onstration of advanced diagnostic and treatment methods
12 relating to pediatrics, as appropriate.

13 “(c) COORDINATION OF CONSORTIA REPORTS.—The
14 Director of NIH shall—

15 “(1) as appropriate, provide for the coordina-
16 tion of information among consortia established
17 under subsection (a) and ensure regular communica-
18 tion between such consortia; and

19 “(2) require the periodic preparation of reports
20 on the activities of the consortia and the submission
21 of the reports to the Director.

22 “(d) ORGANIZATION OF CONSORTIUM.—Each consor-
23 tium established under subsection (a) shall be formed from
24 a collaboration of cooperating institutions with a lead in-
25 stitution, meeting such requirements as may be prescribed

1 by the Director of NIH, including participation in a net-
2 work of such consortia.

3 “(e) LIMITATION.—Payments under subsection (a)
4 shall not exceed \$2,500,000 per year for each consortium
5 in the first 5-year cycle.

6 “(f) DURATION OF PAYMENTS.—Payments under
7 subsection (a) for a consortium may be provided under
8 this section for a period of 5 years and may be extended
9 for additional periods of 5 years each, with enhanced fund-
10 ing opportunities based on a review of the operations by
11 an appropriate scientific review.”.

