

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1840

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and improve the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Screening for Communities to Receive Early and Equitable Needed Services for
5 Cancer Act of 2023” or the “SCREENS for Cancer Act
6 of 2023”.
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8 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY
9 DETECTION PROGRAM.**

10 Title XV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
11 300k et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 1501 (42 U.S.C. 300k)—

2 (A) in subsection (a)—

3 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “the
4 provision of appropriate follow-up services
5 and support services such as case manage-
6 ment” and inserting “that appropriate fol-
7 low-up services are provided”;

8 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking
9 “programs for the detection and control”
10 and inserting “for the prevention, detec-
11 tion, and control”;

12 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking “the
13 detection and control” and inserting “the
14 prevention, detection, and control”;

15 (iv) in paragraph (5)—

16 (I) by striking “monitor” and in-
17 serting “ensure”; and

18 (II) by striking “; and” and in-
19 serting a semicolon;

20 (v) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
21 paragraph (9);

22 (vi) by inserting after paragraph (5),
23 the following:

24 “(6) to enhance appropriate support activities
25 to increase breast and cervical cancer screenings,

1 such as navigation of health care services, implemen-
2 tation of evidence-based or evidence-informed strate-
3 gies to increase breast and cervical cancer screening
4 in health care settings, and facilitation of access to
5 health care settings;

6 “(7) to reduce disparities in breast and cervical
7 cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality, including
8 in populations with higher than average rates;

9 “(8) to improve access to breast and cervical
10 cancer screening and diagnostic services and reduce
11 related barriers, including factors that relate to neg-
12 ative health outcomes; and”;

13 (vii) in paragraph (9), as so redesign-
14 nated, by striking “through (5)” and in-
15 serting “through (8)”;

16 (B) by striking subsection (d);

17 (2) in section 1503 (42 U.S.C. 300m)—

18 (A) in subsection (a)—

19 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
20 “that, initially” and all that follows
21 through the semicolon and inserting “that
22 appropriate breast and cervical cancer
23 screening and diagnostic services are pro-
24 vided consistent with relevant evidence-
25 based recommendations; and”;

1 (ii) by striking paragraphs (2) and
2 (4);

3 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
4 paragraph (2); and

5 (iv) in paragraph (2), as so redesign-
6 nated, by striking “; and” and inserting a
7 period; and

8 (B) by striking subsection (d);

9 (3) in section 1508(b) (42 U.S.C. 300n-4(b))—

10 (A) by striking “1 year after the date of
11 the enactment of the National Breast and Cer-
12 vical Cancer Early Detection Program Reau-
13 thorization of 2007, and annually thereafter,”
14 and inserting “2 years after the date of enact-
15 ment of the Screening for Communities to Re-
16 ceive Early and Equitable Needed Services for
17 Cancer Act of 2023, and every 5 years there-
18 after,”;

19 (B) by striking “Labor and Human Re-
20 sources” and inserting “Health, Education,
21 Labor, and Pensions”; and

22 (C) by striking “preceding fiscal year” and
23 inserting “preceding 2 fiscal years in the case
24 of the first report after the date of enactment
25 of the Screening for Communities to Receive

1 Early and Equitable Needed Services for Can-
2 cer Act of 2023 and preceding 5 fiscal years for
3 each report thereafter”; and

4 (4) in section 1510(a) (42 U.S.C. 300n–5(a)),
5 by striking “fiscal year 2012” and inserting “each
6 of fiscal years 2024 through 2028”.

7 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

8 Not later than September 30, 2027, the Comptroller
9 General of the United States shall report to the Committee
10 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate
11 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
12 House of Representatives on the work of the National
13 Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, in-
14 cluding—

15 (1) an estimate of the number of individuals eli-
16 gible for services provided under such program;

17 (2) a summary of trends in the number of indi-
18 viduals served through such program; and

19 (3) an assessment of any factors that may be
20 driving the trends identified under paragraph (2),
21 including any barriers to accessing breast and cer-
22 vical cancer screenings provided by such program.