STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. HYNDMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to establish the Center for Autoimmune and Blood Disorder Research at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center; and making an appropriation therefor

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Center for Autoimmune and Blood Disorder Research. 1. There shall be established a Center for Autoimmune and Blood Disorder Research (CABDR) at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center. The CABDR shall allow for collaborations amongst medical professionals to provide insights and approaches to understanding autoimmune and blood disorder diseases and improving treatment methods. The CABDR shall specialize in research on, but not limited to, sickle cell disease, lupus, and celiac.

2. The CABDR shall conduct, but not limited to, basic and clinical, social, translation, technological, epidemiological and behavioral research on autoimmune and blood disorder diseases.

3. There shall be an administrative director responsible for coordinating the research activities amongst the medical professionals as well as preparing and submitting grants.

4. In addition to the funding received pursuant to this act, the CABDR shall apply for funding through philanthropic sources earmarked for the development of new treatment methods at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

5. Funds appropriated pursuant to this act shall be administered through the SUNY Downstate Medical Center finance division, specifically the office of research administration.

§ 2. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Center for Autoimmune and Blood Disorder Research out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of health in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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