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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing an AIDS research initiative, and providing for its duties

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2777-a to read as follows:

S 2777-A. AIDS RESEARCH INITIATIVE. THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE INSTITUTE AN ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME RESEARCH INITIATIVE, WHICH SHALL BE MANAGED BY THE INSTITUTE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RESEARCH COUNCIL. SUCH INITIATIVE SHALL:

1. DISPENSE PEER-REVIEWED, MERIT-BASED HIV/AIDS RELATED RESEARCH GRANTS TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS AND COLLABORATING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE;

2. PRIORITIZE RESEARCH THAT IS TIMELY, INNOVATIVE, TARGETED TO THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AIDS EPIDEMIC IN THIS STATE, CAPABLE OF LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL RESEARCH FUNDING, NOT DUPLICATIVE OF FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES, AND HOLDS THE POTENTIAL FOR A VIABLE COMMERCIAL PRODUCT OR PATENTABLE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY;

3. FOCUS ON INFECTION TRENDS, PREVENTION STRATEGIES, TREATMENTS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH HIV, BASIC CLINICAL SCIENCE, AND BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SCIENCE;

4. SUPPORT PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SERVING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND OTHER HIGH-NEED POPULATIONS.

S 2. 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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