

STATE OF NEW YORK

10233

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:

- 1 Section 1. Center for Autoimmune and Blood Disorder Research. 1.
- 2 There shall be established a Center for Autoimmune and Blood Disorder
- 3 Research (CABDR) at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center. The CABDR shall
- 4 allow for collaborations amongst medical professionals to provide
- 5 insights and approaches to understanding autoimmune and blood disorder
- 6 diseases and improving treatment methods. The CABDR shall specialize in
- 7 research on, but not limited to, sickle cell disease, lupus, and celiac.
- 8 2. The CABDR shall conduct, but not limited to, basic and clinical,
- 9 social, translation, technological, epidemiological and behavioral
- 10 research on autoimmune and blood disorder diseases.
- 11 3. There shall be an administrative director responsible for coordi-
- 12 nating the research activities amongst the medical professionals as well
- 13 as preparing and submitting grants.
- 14 4. In addition to the funding received pursuant to this act, the CABDR
- 15 shall apply for funding through philanthropic sources earmarked for the
- 16 development of new treatment methods at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.
- 17 5. Funds appropriated pursuant to this act shall be administered
- 18 through the SUNY Downstate Medical Center finance division, specifically
- 19 the office of research administration.
- 20 § 2. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), or so much
- 21 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Center for
- 22 Autoimmune and Blood Disorder Research out of any moneys in the state
- 23 treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes
- 24 account, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for
- 25 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys
- 26 shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers
- 27 certified or approved by the commissioner of health in the manner
- 28 prescribed by law.
- 29 § 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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