

Section was enacted as part of the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act or the PREEMIE Act, and not as part of the Public Health Service Act which comprises this chapter.

## AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-55, §102(a), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which related to studies and reports on the relationship between prematurity and birth defects.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-55, §102(b), substituted “\$1,880,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.” for “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.”

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFANT MORTALITY

Pub. L. 113-55, title I, §104(b), Nov. 27, 2013, 127 Stat. 643, provided that:

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section [enacting this note and repealing section 247b-4g of this title] as the ‘Secretary’) may establish an advisory committee known as the ‘Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality’ (referred to in this section as the ‘Advisory Committee’).

“(2) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary concerning the following activities:

“(A) Programs of the Department of Health and Human Services that are directed at reducing infant mortality and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants.

“(B) Strategies to coordinate the various Federal programs and activities with State, local, and private programs and efforts that address factors that affect infant mortality.

“(C) Implementation of the Healthy Start program under section 330H of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c-8) and Healthy People 2020 infant mortality objectives.

“(D) Strategies to reduce preterm birth rates through research, programs, and education.

“(3) PLAN FOR HHS PRETERM BIRTH ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section [Nov. 27, 2013], the Advisory Committee (or an advisory committee in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 27, 2013] and designated by the Secretary) shall develop a plan for conducting and supporting research, education, and programs on preterm birth through the Department of Health and Human Services and shall periodically review and revise the plan, as appropriate. The plan shall—

“(A) examine research and educational activities that receive Federal funding in order to enable the plan to provide informed recommendations to reduce preterm birth and address racial and ethnic disparities in preterm birth rates;

“(B) identify research gaps and opportunities to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce preterm birth rates among the programs and activities of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding preterm birth, including opportunities to minimize duplication; and

“(C) reflect input from a broad range of scientists, patients, and advocacy groups, as appropriate.

“(4) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall ensure that the membership of the Advisory Committee includes the following:

“(A) Representatives provided for in the original charter of the Advisory Committee.

“(B) A representative of the National Center for Health Statistics.”

## PURPOSE

Pub. L. 109-450, §2, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3341, provided that: “It is the purpose of this Act [enacting this section and sections 247b-4g and 280g-5 of this title and amending sections 241 and 280g-4 of this title] to—

“(1) reduce rates of preterm labor and delivery;

“(2) work toward an evidence-based standard of care for pregnant women at risk of preterm labor or other serious complications, and for infants born preterm and at a low birthweight; and

“(3) reduce infant mortality and disabilities caused by prematurity.”

## § 247b-4g. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-55, title I, § 104(a), Nov. 27, 2013, 127 Stat. 643

Section, Pub. L. 109-450, §5, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3343, related to establishment and activities of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Prematurity and Low Birthweight.

## § 247b-5. Preventive health measures with respect to prostate cancer

## (a) In general

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may make grants to States and local health departments for the purpose of enabling such States and departments to carry out programs that may include the following:

(1) To identify factors that influence the attitudes or levels of awareness of men and health care practitioners regarding screening for prostate cancer.

(2) To evaluate, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research and the National Institutes of Health, the effectiveness of screening strategies for prostate cancer.

(3) To identify, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, issues related to the quality of life for men after prostate<sup>1</sup> cancer screening and follow-up.

(4) To develop and disseminate public information and education programs for prostate cancer, including appropriate messages about the risks and benefits of prostate cancer screening for the general public, health care providers, policy makers and other appropriate individuals.

(5) To improve surveillance for prostate cancer.

(6) To address the needs of underserved and minority populations regarding prostate cancer.

(7) Upon a determination by the Secretary, who shall take into consideration recommendations by the United States Preventive Services Task Force and shall seek input, where appropriate, from professional societies and other private and public entities, that there is sufficient consensus on the effectiveness of prostate cancer screening—

(A) to screen men for prostate cancer as a preventive health measure;

(B) to provide appropriate referrals for the medical treatment of men who have been screened under subparagraph (A) and to ensure, to the extent practicable, the provision of appropriate followup services and support services such as case management;

(C) to establish mechanisms through which State and local health departments can monitor the quality of screening proce-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “prostate”.