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To establish the IMPROVE Initiative within the National Institutes of Health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Britt (for herself and Mr. Booker) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish the IMPROVE Initiative within the National Institutes of Health.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "NIH Implementing
- 5 a Maternal health and PRegnancy Outcomes Vision for
- 6 Everyone" or the "NIH IMPROVE Act".
- 7 SEC. 2. IMPROVE INITIATIVE.
- 8 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
- 9 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
- 10 the following:

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2	"(a) In General.—The Director of NIH shall con-
3	tinue to carry out a program to improve maternal health
4	outcomes, to be known as the Implementing a Maternal
5	health and PRegnancy Outcomes Vision for Everyone Ini-
6	tiative or the 'IMPROVE Initiative' (referred to in this
7	section as the 'Initiative').
8	"(b) Objectives.—The Initiative shall—
9	"(1) advance research to—
10	"(A) reduce preventable causes of maternal
11	mortality and severe maternal morbidity;
12	"(B) reduce health disparities related to
13	maternal health outcomes, including such dis-
14	parities associated with populations with dis-
15	proportionately high rates of maternal mortality
16	and severe maternal morbidity relative to the
17	national rate; and
18	"(C) improve health for pregnant and
19	postpartum women before, during, and after
20	pregnancy;
21	"(2) use an integrated approach to understand
22	the factors, including biological, behavioral, and
23	other factors, that affect maternal mortality and se-
24	vere maternal morbidity by building an evidence
25	base for improved outcomes in specific regions of the
26	United States; and

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1	"(3) target health disparities associated with
2	maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity
3	by—
4	"(A) implementing and evaluating commu-
5	nity-based interventions for disproportionately
6	affected women; and
7	"(B) identifying risk factors and the un-
8	derlying biological mechanisms associated with
9	leading causes of maternal mortality and severe
10	maternal morbidity in the United States.
11	"(c) Implementation.—The Director of NIH may
12	award grants or enter into contracts, cooperative agree-
13	ments, or other transactions to carry out this section.
14	"(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
15	is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16	\$73,400,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031."