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# H. R. 1887

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2019

Mr. RYAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To establish a National Institute of Nutrition within the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

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 “National Institute of  
5 Nutrition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 401(b) of the Public  
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 281(b)) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (25) as para-  
10 graph (26); and

1           (2) by inserting after paragraph (24) the fol-  
2       lowing:

3           “(25) The National Institute of Nutrition.”.

4       (b) RAISING CAP ON NUMBER OF INSTITUTES.—Sec-  
5       tion 401(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
6       281(d)(1)) is amended by striking “27” and inserting  
7       “28”.

8       (c) RESEARCH FOCUS OF INSTITUTE.—Part C of  
9       title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285  
10      et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

11       **“Subpart 21—National Institute of Nutrition**  
12      **“SEC. 464z-7. PURPOSES AND FOCUS OF RESEARCH CON-**  
13                   **DUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NUTRI-**  
14                   **TION.**

15       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The general purpose of the Na-  
16      tional Institute of Nutrition (in this subpart referred to  
17      as the ‘Institute’) is to facilitate and help coordinate inci-  
18      sive research into nutrients, foods, and their relationships  
19      to better health.

20       “(b) RESEARCH FOCUS.—Research conducted at or  
21      under a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement awarded  
22      by the Institute may include research in any of the fol-  
23      lowing areas:

24           “(1) Leveraging nutrition as an effort to reduce  
25      health care costs.

1           “(2) Relationships between the gut microbiome  
2           and health.

3           “(3) Personalized nutrition based on life stage,  
4           metabolism, health state, health goals, and genetics.

5           “(4) Health and metabolic effects of major food  
6           groups for which effects remain unclear or con-  
7           troversial.

8           “(5) Optimal diets for weight loss and weight  
9           maintenance.

10          “(6) Optimal diets to prevent and treat Type 2  
11          diabetes and pre-diabetes.

12          “(7) Optimal diets for cancer, both to reduce  
13          side effects of chemotherapy and radiation and also  
14          to directly target the cancer.

15          “(8) Health effect of trace bioactives and  
16          phenolics.

17          “(9) Effective behavior change and systems ap-  
18          proaches for healthier eating.

19          “(10) Effective approaches to reduce dietary  
20          and health disparities.

21          “(11) Effects of foods on brain and mental  
22          health, from the developing brain in infants and chil-  
23          dren to protecting against memory loss, dementia,  
24          and depression later in life.

1           “(12) Effects of foods on allergies and auto-  
2 immune and inflammatory diseases.

3           “(13) Optimal nutrition for military readiness.

4           “(14) Optimal nutrition for treatment of battle-  
5 field consequences, including bodily injuries, brain  
6 injuries, and post-traumatic stress.

7           “(15) Coordinated new science for translation  
8 into national dietary guidelines and policies, such as  
9 the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans  
10 published under section 301 of the National Nutri-  
11 tion Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990  
12 (7 U.S.C. 5341).

13           “(16) And any other area of nutrition related  
14 research the Director determines is appropriate to  
15 reach the goals of the Institute.”.

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