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To improve the health and safety of Americans living with food allergies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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 “Food Allergy Safety,
5 Treatment, Education, and Research Act of 2020” or the
6 “FASTER Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOOD ALLERGY SAFETY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(qq)(1) of the Federal
3 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(qq)(1)) is
4 amended by striking “and soybeans” and inserting “soy-
5 beans, and sesame”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
7 subsection (a) shall apply to any food that is first intro-
8 duced into interstate commerce on or after January 1,
9 2022.

10 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

11 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
14 retary”) shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-
15 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-
16 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives a report on scientific opportunities in food al-
18 lergy research. Such report shall—

19 (1) identify opportunities and challenges related
20 to—

21 (A) developing effective food allergy
22 diagnostics;

23 (B) preventing the onset of food allergies;

24 (C) reducing the risks of living with food
25 allergies;

1 (D) developing new therapeutics to treat
2 and manage food allergies; and

3 (E) curing food allergies;

4 (2) provide updates on data collection activities
5 related to food allergies and specific allergens and
6 identify gaps in such data collection activities; and

7 (3) recommend specific strategies to overcome
8 the challenges identified under paragraph (1), in-
9 cluding strategies to support the most promising
10 areas of food allergy research that could lead to al-
11 ternatives to current forms of disease management
12 and identify allergens of emerging prevalence.

13 (b) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make the re-
14 port under subsection (a) available on the internet website
15 of the Department of Health and Human Services.