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To revise and extend health workforce programs under title VII of the
Public Health Service Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2019

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To revise and extend health workforce programs under title
VII of the Public Health Service Act.

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 “Title VII Health Care
5 Workforce Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**
7 **WORKFORCE PROGRAMS.**

8 Title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
9 292 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 736 (42 U.S.C. 293), by striking
2 subsection (i) and inserting the following:

3 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
4 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
5 priated \$23,711,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
6 2024.”;

7 (2) in section 740 (42 U.S.C. 293d)—

8 (A) in subsection (a), by striking
9 “\$51,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such
10 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
11 years 2011 through 2014” and inserting
12 “\$48,970,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
13 through 2024”;

14 (B) in subsection (b), by striking
15 “\$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010
16 through 2014” and inserting “\$1,190,000 for
17 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”;

18 (C) in subsection (c), by striking
19 “\$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such
20 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
21 years 2011 through 2014” and inserting
22 “\$14,189,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
23 through 2024”; and

24 (D) in subsection (d), by striking “Not
25 Later than 6 months after the date of enact-

1 ment of this part, the Secretary shall prepare
2 and submit to the appropriate committees of
3 Congress” and inserting: “Not later than Sep-
4 tember 30, 2024, and every five years there-
5 after, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to
6 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
7 and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee
8 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives,”;

10 (3) in section 747 (42 U.S.C. 293k)—

11 (A) in subsection (a)(1)(G), by striking “to
12 plan, develop, and operate a demonstration pro-
13 gram that provides training” and inserting: “to
14 plan, develop, and operate a program that iden-
15 tifies or develops innovative models of providing
16 care, and trains primary care physicians on
17 such models and”;

18 (B) in subsection (b)(3)(E), by striking
19 “substance-related disorders” and inserting
20 “substance use disorders”; and

21 (C) in subsection (c)(1), by striking
22 “\$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such
23 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
24 years 2011 through 2014” and inserting

1 “\$48,924,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
2 through 2024”;

3 (4) in section 748 (42 U.S.C. 293k-2)—

4 (A) in subsection (c)(5), by striking “sub-
5 stance-related disorders” and inserting “sub-
6 stance use disorders”; and

7 (B) in subsection (f), by striking
8 “\$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such
9 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
10 years 2011 through 2015” and inserting
11 “\$28,531,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
12 through 2024”;

13 (5) in section 749(d)(2) (42 U.S.C. 293l(d)(2)),
14 by striking “Committee on Labor and Human Re-
15 sources of the Senate, and the Committee on Com-
16 merce of the House of Representatives” and insert-
17 ing “Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
18 Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on En-
19 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
20 tives”;

21 (6) in section 751(j)(1) (42 U.S.C. 294a(j)(1)),
22 by striking “\$125,000,000 for each of the fiscal
23 years 2010 through 2014” and inserting
24 “\$39,250,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
25 2024”;

1 (7) in section 754(b)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.
2 294d(b)(1)(A)), by striking “new and innovative”
3 and inserting “innovative or evidence-based”;

4 (8) in section 755(b)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.
5 294e(b)(1)(A)), by striking “the elderly” and insert-
6 ing “geriatric populations or for maternal and child
7 health”;

8 (9) in section 761(e) (42 U.S.C. 294n(e))—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
10 “\$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
11 through 2014” and inserting “\$5,663,000 for
12 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
14 section (a)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”;

15 (10) in section 762 (42 U.S.C. 294o)—

16 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Com-
17 mittee on Labor and Human Resources” and
18 inserting “Committee on Health, Education,
19 Labor, and Pensions”;

20 (B) in subsection (b)—

21 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking
22 “Health Care Financing Administration”
23 and inserting “Centers for Medicare &
24 Medicaid Services”;

1 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
 2 through (6) as paragraphs (5) through (7),
 3 respectively; and

4 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (3),
 5 the following:

6 “(4) the Administrator of the Health Resources
 7 and Services Administration;”;

8 (C) by striking subsections (i), (j), and (k)
 9 and inserting the following:

10 “(i) REPORTS.—Not later than September 30, 2023,
 11 and not less than every 5 years thereafter, the Council
 12 shall submit to the Secretary, and to the Committee on
 13 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and
 14 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
 15 of Representatives, a report on the recommendations de-
 16 scribed in subsection (a).”; and

17 (D) by redesignating subsection (l) as sub-
 18 section (j);

19 (11) in section 766(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.
 20 295a(b)(1)), by striking “that plans” and all that
 21 follows through the period and inserting “that plans,
 22 develops, operates, and evaluates projects to improve
 23 preventive medicine, health promotion and disease
 24 prevention, or access to and quality of health care

1 services in rural or medically underserved commu-
2 nities.”; and

3 (12) in section 770(a) (42 U.S.C. 295e(a)), by
4 striking “\$43,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and such
5 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
6 years 2012 through 2015” and inserting
7 “\$17,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
8 2024”.

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