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# S. 65

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2001

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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. SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS.**

4       (a) HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOL.—Section  
5       736(g)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
6       293(g)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “graduate program

1 in behavioral or mental health” and inserting “graduate  
 2 program in behavioral or mental health including a school  
 3 offering graduate programs in clinical social work, or pro-  
 4 grams in social work”.

5 (b) SCHOLARSHIPS, GENERALLY.—Section  
 6 737(d)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
 7 293a(d)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “mental health  
 8 practice” and inserting “mental health practice including  
 9 graduate programs in clinical psychology, graduate pro-  
 10 grams in clinical social work, or programs in social work”.

11 (c) FACULTY POSITIONS.—Section 738(a)(3) of the  
 12 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293b(a)(3)) is  
 13 amended by striking “offering graduate programs in be-  
 14 havioral and mental health” and inserting “offering grad-  
 15 uate programs in behavioral and mental health including  
 16 graduate programs in clinical psychology, graduate pro-  
 17 grams in clinical social work, or programs in social work”.

18 **SEC. 2. GERIATRICS TRAINING PROJECTS.**

19 Section 753(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act  
 20 (42 U.S.C. 294c(b)(1)) is amended by inserting “schools  
 21 offering degrees in social work,” after “teaching hos-  
 22 pitals,”.

23 **SEC. 3. SOCIAL WORK TRAINING PROGRAM.**

24 Subpart 2 of part E of title VII of the Public Health  
 25 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating section 770 as section  
2       770A;

3           (2) by inserting after section 769, the following:

4   **“SEC. 770. SOCIAL WORK TRAINING PROGRAM.**

5       “(a) TRAINING GENERALLY.—The Secretary may  
6   make grants to, or enter into contracts with, any public  
7   or nonprofit private hospital, school offering programs in  
8   social work, or to or with a public or private nonprofit  
9   entity (which the Secretary has determined is capable of  
10   carrying out such grant or contract)—

11           “(1) to plan, develop, and operate, or partici-  
12       pate in, an approved social work training program  
13       (including an approved residency or internship pro-  
14       gram) for students, interns, residents, or practicing  
15       physicians;

16           “(2) to provide financial assistance (in the form  
17       of traineeships and fellowships) to students, interns,  
18       residents, practicing physicians, or other individuals,  
19       who are in need thereof, who are participants in any  
20       such program, and who plan to specialize or work in  
21       the practice of social work;

22           “(3) to plan, develop, and operate a program  
23       for the training of individuals who plan to teach in  
24       social work training programs; and

1           “(4) to provide financial assistance (in the form  
2           of traineeships and fellowships) to individuals who  
3           are participants in any such program and who plan  
4           to teach in a social work training program.

5           “(b) ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make  
7           grants to or enter into contracts with schools offer-  
8           ing programs in social work to meet the costs of  
9           projects to establish, maintain, or improve academic  
10          administrative units (which may be departments, di-  
11          visions, or other units) to provide clinical instruction  
12          in social work.

13          “(2) PREFERENCE IN MAKING AWARDS.—In  
14          making awards of grants and contracts under para-  
15          graph (1), the Secretary shall give preference to any  
16          qualified applicant for such an award that agrees to  
17          expend the award for the purpose of—

18                  “(A) establishing an academic administra-  
19                  tive unit for programs in social work; or

20                  “(B) substantially expanding the programs  
21                  of such a unit.

22          “(c) DURATION OF AWARD.—The period during  
23          which payments are made to an entity from an award of  
24          a grant or contract under subsection (a) may not exceed  
25          5 years. The provision of such payments shall be subject

1 to annual approval by the Secretary of the payments and  
 2 subject to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal  
 3 year involved to make the payments.

4 “(d) FUNDING.—

5 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there  
 7 is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for  
 8 each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

9 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appro-  
 10 priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the  
 11 Secretary shall make available not less than 20 per-  
 12 cent for awards of grants and contracts under sub-  
 13 section (b).”; and

14 (3) in section 770A (as so redesignated) by in-  
 15 serting “other than section 770,” after “carrying  
 16 out this subpart,”.

17 **SEC. 4. CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES.**

18 Section 1302 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
 19 U.S.C. 300e-1) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by inserting  
 21 “clinical social worker,” after “psychologist,” each  
 22 place it appears;

23 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “and psy-  
 24 chologists” and inserting “psychologists, and clinical  
 25 social workers”; and

- 1 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting “clinical so-
- 2 cial work,” after “psychology,”.

