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To provide for the establishment of an education program to expand abortion care training and access.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERA (for himself, Ms. SCHRIER, Mrs. FLETCHER, and Mr. POCAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Reproductive Health
5 Care Training Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. EDUCATION PROGRAM TO EXPAND ABORTION CARE**
7 **TRAINING AND ACCESS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
10 retary”), acting through the Administrator of the Health

1 Resources and Services Administration, shall establish a
2 program to award grants or contracts to eligible entities
3 to carry out the activities described in subsection (d) for
4 the purposes of—

5 (1) expanding and supporting education for stu-
6 dents, residents, or advanced practice clinicians in a
7 covered State that permits comprehensive training in
8 abortion care; and

9 (2) preparing and encouraging each such stu-
10 dent, resident, and advanced practice clinician train-
11 ing in a covered State to serve as an abortion pro-
12 vider after completing such training.

13 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an award
14 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit an appli-
15 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
16 containing such information as the Secretary may require,
17 including—

18 (1) a certification that such eligible entity will
19 use amounts provided to the entity to carry out the
20 activities described in subsection (e); and

21 (2) a description of how such eligible entity will
22 carry out such activities.

23 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of this section,
24 the term “eligible entity” includes accredited health pro-
25 fessions schools, academic health centers or other appro-

1 priate public or private nonprofit health care safety net
2 providers, including sexual and reproductive health pro-
3 viders, as determined by the Secretary.

4 (d) PRIORITY.—In making awards under this section,
5 the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities that—

6 (1) are located in a covered State in which clin-
7 ical training for health care students, residents, and
8 advanced practice clinicians in abortion care is per-
9 mitted and/or comprehensively taught;

10 (2) support clinical training in abortion care for
11 health care students, residents, and advanced prac-
12 tice clinicians from States where such training is
13 otherwise limited; or

14 (3) are minority serving institutions or institu-
15 tions that provide training to increase underrep-
16 resented minority health professions.

17 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity shall use
18 funds made available under an award under this section
19 to carry out the following activities:

20 (1) Support or expand clinical training for
21 health care students, residents, and advanced prac-
22 tice clinicians in abortion care.

23 (2) Develop and operate programs to train
24 health care students, residents, and advanced prac-
25 tice clinicians in abortion care by—

1 (A) defining a set of clinical training ac-
2 tivities related to abortion care, including those
3 that include care for racial and ethnic minority
4 groups, people with disabilities, Tribal, and
5 medically underserved communities;

6 (B) identifying and addressing challenges
7 to accessing abortion care, including the needs
8 of racial and ethnic minority groups, people
9 with disabilities, Tribal, and medically under-
10 served communities;

11 (C) supporting the use of telehealth tech-
12 nologies and practices related to abortion care;

13 (D) integrating abortion training into
14 health care education; and

15 (E) promoting interprofessional training
16 that includes non-obstetrician–gynecologist
17 abortion providers.

18 (3) Develop or expand strategic partnerships
19 with community health organizations or other eligi-
20 ble entities to enhance access to abortion care and
21 improve health outcomes.

22 (4) Develop, implement, and evaluate methods
23 to improve recruitment and retention of health care
24 students and advanced practice clinicians from medi-

1 cally underserved communities to increase access to
2 abortion care.

3 (5) Train and support instructors to serve
4 medically underserved communities.

5 (6) Prepare health care students, residents, or
6 advanced practice clinicians for transition into clin-
7 ical practice that includes abortion care, with a focus
8 on medically underserved communities.

9 (7) Provide scholarships or stipends to health
10 care students, residents, or advanced practice clini-
11 cians that are pursuing training in abortion care, with
12 a focus on medically underserved communities.

13 (f) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Federal funds
14 appropriated to carry out this section shall supplement not
15 supplant funds otherwise made available to carry out title
16 VII and title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
17 U.S.C. 292 et seq. and 296 et seq.).

18 (g) REPORTING.—

19 (1) REPORTS FROM ENTITIES.—Each entity
20 that receives an award under this section shall sub-
21 mit an annual report to the Secretary on the finan-
22 cial and programmatic performance under such
23 award, which may include factors such as the num-
24 ber of trainees, the number of professions and dis-
25 ciplines, the number of partnerships with health care

1 delivery sites, the number of faculty and practicing
2 health care professionals who participated in con-
3 tinuing education programs, and other factors, as
4 the Secretary may require, in a manner that does
5 not allow for identification of patients, individual
6 providers, or other participants.

7 (2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—At the end of
8 each year in which the Secretary makes awards
9 under this section, the Secretary shall submit to the
10 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
11 sions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy
12 and Commerce of the House of Representatives a re-
13 port that provides a summary of the financial and
14 programmatic performance of such awards, which
15 may include factors such as the number trainees, the
16 number of professions and disciplines, the number of
17 partnerships with health care delivery sites, the
18 number of faculty and practicing health care profes-
19 sionals who participated in continuing education pro-
20 grams, and other factors that assess the impact of
21 the program on the expansion of access to abortion
22 services, in a manner that does not disclose any
23 identifiable information of patients, individual pro-
24 viders, or other participants.

25 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COVERED STATE.—The term “covered
2 State” means a State, Puerto Rico, and a territory
3 or possession of the United States in which com-
4 prehensive training for abortion care is permissible.

5 (2) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—
6 The term “medically underserved community” has
7 the meaning given such term in section 799B of the
8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p).

9 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

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