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H. R. 6468

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize rural residency planning and development grant programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2025

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) 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 “Rural Residency Plan-
5 ning and Development Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. RURAL RESIDENCY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**
2 **PROGRAMS.**

3 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
4 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 330A–
5 2 (42 U.S.C. 254e–1b) the following:

6 **“SEC. 330A–3. RURAL RESIDENCY PLANNING AND DEVELOP-**
7 **MENT PROGRAM AND RURAL RESIDENCY**
8 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL**
9 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) RURAL RESIDENCY PLANNING AND DEVELOP-
11 MENT PROGRAM.—

12 “(1) GRANTS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
14 award grants to eligible entities to establish new
15 rural residency programs (including adding new
16 rural training sites to existing rural track pro-
17 grams).

18 “(B) FUNDING.—Grants awarded under
19 this subsection may be fully funded at the time
20 of the award.

21 “(C) TERM.—The term of a grant under
22 this subsection shall be 3 years and may be ex-
23 tended at the discretion of the Secretary.

24 “(2) APPLICATIONS.—

25 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-
26 ceive a grant under this subsection, an eligible

1 entity shall prepare and submit to the Secretary
2 an application at such time, in such manner,
3 and containing such information as the Sec-
4 retary may require, including a description of
5 the pathway of the rural residency program as
6 described in subparagraph (B).

7 “(B) PATHWAY.—A pathway of a rural
8 residency program supported under this sub-
9 section shall be for—

10 “(i) general primary care and high-
11 need specialty care, including family medi-
12 cine, internal medicine, preventive medi-
13 cine, psychiatry, or general surgery;

14 “(ii) maternal health and obstetrics,
15 which may be obstetrics and gynecology or
16 family medicine with enhanced obstetrical
17 training; or

18 “(iii) any other pathway as deter-
19 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

20 “(b) RURAL RESIDENCY PLANNING AND DEVELOP-
21 MENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

22 “(1) GRANTS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
24 award grants to eligible entities to provide tech-
25 nical assistance to awardees of and potential

1 applicants of the program described in sub-
2 section (b).

3 “(B) FUNDING.—Grants awarded under
4 this subsection may be fully funded at the time
5 of the award.

6 “(C) TERM.—The term of a grant under
7 this subsection shall be 4 years and may be ex-
8 tended at the discretion of the Secretary.

9 “(2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
10 grant under this subsection, an eligible entity shall
11 prepare and submit to the Secretary an application
12 at such time, in such manner, and containing such
13 information as the Secretary may require.

14 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
16 tity’—

17 “(A) means—

18 “(i) a domestic public or private non-
19 profit or for-profit entity; or

20 “(ii) an Indian Tribe or Tribal organi-
21 zation; and

22 “(B) may include faith-based or commu-
23 nity-based organizations, rural hospitals, rural
24 community-based ambulatory patient care cen-
25 ters (including rural health clinics), health cen-

1 ters operated by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organi-
2 zation, or urban Indian organization, graduate
3 medical education consortiums (including insti-
4 tutions of higher education, such as schools of
5 allopathic medicine, schools of osteopathic medi-
6 cine, or historically Black colleges or univer-
7 sities), or other organizations as determined ap-
8 propriate by the Secretary.

9 “(2) RURAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM.—The term
10 ‘rural residency program’ means a physician resi-
11 dency program, including a rural track program, ac-
12 credited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate
13 Medical Education (or a similar body) that—

14 “(A) trains residents in rural areas (as de-
15 fined by the Secretary) for more than 50 per-
16 cent of the total time of their residency; and

17 “(B) primarily focuses on producing physi-
18 cians who will practice in rural areas, as de-
19 fined by the Secretary.

20 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
22 appropriated to carry out this section \$12,700,000
23 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

1 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appro-
2 priated under paragraph (1) shall remain available
3 to the Secretary until expended.”.

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