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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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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) SCHOLARSHIPS, GENERALLY.—Section 737(a)(3)
5 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293a(a)(3))

1 is amended by striking “offering graduate programs in
 2 clinical psychology” and inserting “offering graduate pro-
 3 grams in clinical psychology, graduate programs in clinical
 4 social work, or programs in social work”.

5 (b) FACULTY POSITIONS.—Section 738(a)(3) of the
 6 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293b(a)(3)) is
 7 amended by striking “offering graduate programs in clini-
 8 cal psychology” and inserting “offering graduate pro-
 9 grams in clinical psychology, graduate programs in clinical
 10 social work, or programs in social work”.

11 (c) HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOL.—Section
 12 739(h)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 293c(h)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “or a school of
 14 pharmacy” and inserting “a school of pharmacy, or a
 15 school offering graduate programs in clinical social work,
 16 or programs in social work”.

17 (d) HEALTH CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.—
 18 Section 740(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 19 U.S.C. 293d(a)(1)) is amended by striking “which offer
 20 graduate programs in clinical psychology” and inserting
 21 “offering graduate programs in clinical psychology or pro-
 22 grams in social work”.

23 **SEC. 2. GERIATRICS TRAINING PROJECTS.**

24 Section 777(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act
 25 (42 U.S.C. 294o(b)(1)) is amended by inserting “schools

1 offering degrees in social work,” after “teaching hos-
 2 pitals,”.

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

4 Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
 5 (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 779. SOCIAL WORK TRAINING PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

8 “(b) ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.—

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

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

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

23 “(B) substantially expanding the programs
24 of such a unit.

1 “(c) DURATION OF AWARD.—The period during
 2 which payments are made to an entity from an award of
 3 a grant or contract under subsection (a) may not exceed
 4 5 years. The provision of such payments shall be subject
 5 to annual approval by the Secretary of the payments and
 6 subject to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal
 7 year involved to make the payments.

8 “(d) FUNDING.—

9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 10 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
 11 is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for
 12 each of the fiscal years 1998 through 2000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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