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1ST SESSION

# S. 126

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

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

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## 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 “Physical Therapy and  
5 Occupational Therapy Education Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.**

2 Subpart II of part D of title VII of the Public Health  
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294d et seq.) is amended by adding  
4 at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 768. PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THER-**  
6 **APY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants  
8 to, and enter into contracts with, programs of physical  
9 therapy and occupational therapy for the purpose of plan-  
10 ning and implementing projects to recruit and retain fac-  
11 ulty and students, develop curriculum, support the dis-  
12 tribution of physical therapy and occupational therapy  
13 practitioners in underserved areas, or support the continu-  
14 ing development of these professions.

15 “(b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making  
16 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-  
17 erence to qualified applicants that seek to educate physical  
18 therapists or occupational therapists in rural or urban  
19 medically underserved communities, or to expand post-  
20 professional programs for the advanced education of phys-  
21 ical therapy or occupational therapy practitioners.

22 “(c) PEER REVIEW.—Each peer review group under  
23 section 798(a) that is reviewing proposals for grants or  
24 contracts under subsection (a) shall include not fewer than  
25 2 physical therapists or occupational therapists.

26 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pre-  
2       pare a report that—

3           “(A) summarizes the applications submit-  
4       ted to the Secretary for grants or contracts  
5       under subsection (a);

6           “(B) specifies the identity of entities re-  
7       ceiving the grants or contracts; and

8           “(C) evaluates the effectiveness of the pro-  
9       gram based upon the objectives established by  
10      the entities receiving the grants or contracts.

11          “(2) DATE CERTAIN FOR SUBMISSION.—Not  
12      later than February 1, 2001, the Secretary shall  
13      submit the report prepared under paragraph (1) to  
14      the Committee on Commerce and the Committee on  
15      Appropriations of the House of Representatives, the  
16      Committee on Labor and Human Resources and the  
17      Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

18          “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
19      purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
20      to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
21      1997 through 2000.”.

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