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# S. 128

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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 “Rural Preventive  
5       Health Care Training Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.**

7       Section 778 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
8       U.S.C. 294p) is amended—

1           【(1) in subsection (b)(3)(C), by striking “this  
2           section” and inserting “subsection (a)”；】

3           (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
4           subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

5           (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the follow-  
6           ing new subsection:

7           “(e) PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.—

8           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make  
9           grants to, and enter into contracts with, eligible ap-  
10          plicants to enable such applicants to provide preven-  
11          tive health care training, in accordance with para-  
12          graph (3), to health care practitioners practicing in  
13          rural areas. Such training shall, to the extent prac-  
14          ticable, include training in health care to prevent  
15          both physical and mental disorders before the initial  
16          occurrence of such disorders. In carrying out this  
17          paragraph, the Secretary shall encourage, but may  
18          not require, the use of interdisciplinary training  
19          project applications.

20          “(2) LIMITATION.—To be eligible to receive  
21          training using assistance provided under paragraph  
22          (1), a health care practitioner shall be determined by  
23          the eligible applicant involved to be practicing, or de-  
24          siring to practice, in a rural area.

1           “(3) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—Amounts received  
2           under a grant made or contract entered into under  
3           this subsection shall be used—

4                   “(A) to provide student stipends to individ-  
5                   uals attending rural community colleges or  
6                   other institutions that service predominantly  
7                   rural communities, for the purpose of enabling  
8                   the individuals to receive preventive health care  
9                   training;

10                   “(B) to increase staff support at rural  
11                   community colleges or other institutions that  
12                   service predominantly rural communities to fa-  
13                   cilitate the provision of preventive health care  
14                   training;

15                   “(C) to provide training in appropriate re-  
16                   search and program evaluation skills in rural  
17                   communities;

18                   “(D) to create and implement innovative  
19                   programs and curricula with a specific preven-  
20                   tion component; and

21                   “(E) for other purposes as the Secretary  
22                   determines to be appropriate.

23           “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
24           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out

1       this subsection, \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
2       1998 through 2000.”; and  
3               (4) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by  
4       inserting “except subsection (e),” after “section,”.

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