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# S. 1362

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. CRAIG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the

5       “Advancement of Geriatric Education Act of 2001”.

6       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of

7       this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Disregard of certain geriatric residents and fellows against graduate medical education limitations.

See. 3. Extension of eligibility periods for geriatric graduate medical education.  
Sec. 4. Study and report on improvement of graduate medical education.  
Sec. 5. Improved funding for education and training relating to geriatrics.

1 **SEC. 2. DISREGARD OF CERTAIN GERIATRIC RESIDENTS**  
2 **AND FELLOWS AGAINST GRADUATE MEDICAL**  
3 **EDUCATION LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) DIRECT GME.—Section 1886(h)(4)(F) of the So-  
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) is amend-  
6 ed by adding at the end the following new clause:

7                   “(iii) INCREASE IN LIMITATION FOR  
8                   GERIATRIC RESIDENCIES AND FELLOW-  
9                   SHIPS.—For cost reporting periods begin-  
10                  ning on or after the date that is 6 months  
11                  after the date of enactment of the Ad-  
12                  vancement of Geriatric Education Act of  
13                  2001, in applying the limitations regarding  
14                  the total number of full-time equivalent  
15                  residents in the field of allopathic or osteo-  
16                  pathic medicine under clause (i) for a hos-  
17                  pital, the Secretary shall not take into ac-  
18                  count a maximum of 5 residents enrolled  
19                  in a geriatric residency or fellowship pro-  
20                  gram approved by the Secretary for pur-  
21                  poses of paragraph (5)(A) to the extent  
22                  that the hospital increases the number of  
23                  geriatric residents or fellows above the  
24                  number of such residents or fellows for the

4 (b) INDIRECT GME.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B) of the  
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

7                   “(ix) Clause (iii) of subsection (h)(4)(F) shall  
8                   apply to clause (v) in the same manner and for the  
9                   same period as such clause (iii) applies to clause (i)  
10                   of such subsection.”.

11 SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY PERIODS FOR GERI-  
12 ATRIC GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

13 (a) DIRECT GME.—Section 1886(h)(5)(G) of the So-  
14 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(5)(G)) is amend-  
15 ed by adding at the end the following new clause:

1        (b)        CONFORMING        AMENDMENT.—Section  
2 1886(h)(5)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
3 1395ww(h)(5)(F)) is amended by striking “ subparagraph  
4 (G)(v)” and inserting “ clauses (v) and (vi) of subpara-  
5 graph (G)”.

6        (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
7 this section shall apply to cost reporting periods beginning  
8 on or after the date that is 6 months after the date of  
9 enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT OF GRAD-  
11 UATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.**

12        (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
13 Services shall conduct a study to determine how to im-  
14 prove the graduate medical education programs under  
15 subsections (d)(5)(B) and (h) of section 1886 of the Social  
16 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) so that such programs  
17 prepare the physician workforce to serve the aging popu-  
18 lation of the United States. Such study shall include a de-  
19 termination of whether the establishment of an initiative  
20 to encourage the development of individuals as academic  
21 geriatricians would improve such programs.

22        (b) REPORT.—Not later than the date that is 6  
23 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
24 retary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Con-  
25 gress a report on the study conducted under subsection

1 (a) together with such recommendations for legislative and  
2 administrative action as the Secretary determines appro-  
3 priate.

4 **SEC. 5. IMPROVED FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AND TRAIN-  
5 ING RELATING TO GERIATRICS.**

6 (a) **GERIATRIC FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS.**—Section of  
7 753(c)(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 294c(c)(4)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$50,000  
10 for fiscal year 1998” and inserting “\$75,000 for fis-  
11 cal year 2002”; and

12 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “shall not  
13 exceed 5 years” and inserting “shall be 5 years”.

14 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section  
15 757 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294g)  
16 is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) by striking “IN GENERAL.—There are  
19 authorized” and inserting “AUTHORIZATION.—  
20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
21 graph (2), there are authorized”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(2) **EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATING TO  
24 GERIATRICS.**—There are authorized to be appro-  
25 priated to carry out section 753 such sums as may

1       be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through  
2       2006.”; and

3               (2) in subsection (b)—

4                       (A) in paragraph (1)—

5                               (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
6       “and” at the end; and

7                               (ii) by striking subparagraph (C) and  
8       inserting the following:

9               “(C) not less than \$22,631,000 for awards  
10       of grants and contracts under—

11                       “(i) section 753 for fiscal years 1998  
12       through 2001; and

13                       “(ii) sections 754 and 755 for fiscal  
14       years 1998 through 2002; and

15               “(D) for awards of grants and contracts  
16       under section 753 after fiscal year 2001—

17                       “(i) in 2002, not less than  
18       \$20,000,000;

19                       “(ii) in 2003, not less than  
20       \$24,000,000;

21                       “(iii) in 2004, not less than  
22       \$28,000,000;

23                       “(iv) in 2005, not less than  
24       \$32,000,000; and

1                         “(v) in 2006, not less than  
2                         \$36,000,000.”;

3                         (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-  
4                         paragraphs (A) through (C)” and inserting  
5                         “subparagraphs (A) through (D); and

6                         (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “sub-  
7                         paragraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (2)”  
8                         and inserting “subparagraphs (A) through (D)  
9                         of paragraph (1)”.

10                         (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11                         this section shall take effect on October 1, 2001.

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