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# S. 2984

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 2004

Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Palliative Care Train-  
5 ing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PALLIATIVE CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 753 of the Public Health  
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294c) is amended by adding at  
4 the end the following:

5 “(d) HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE ACADEMIC CA-  
6 REER AWARDS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
8 lish a program to provide Hospice and Palliative  
9 Care Academic Career Awards to eligible individuals  
10 under this subsection.

11 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive an  
12 Award under this subsection, an individual shall—

13 “(A) be board certified or board eligible in  
14 internal medicine, family practice, or pediatrics  
15 and their subspecialties including geriatrics,  
16 palliative medicine, or other specialties as deter-  
17 mined by the Secretary;

18 “(B) have completed an approved fellow-  
19 ship program or demonstrated specialized expe-  
20 rience in palliative medicine as determined by  
21 the Secretary; and

22 “(C) have a junior faculty appointment at  
23 an accredited (as determined by the Secretary)  
24 school of medicine (allopathic or osteopathic)  
25 and within an internship or residency program  
26 that is approved by the Accreditation Council

1 on Graduate Medical Education or the Amer-  
 2 ican Osteopathic Association.

3 “(3) AMOUNT AND TERM.—

4 “(A) AMOUNT.—The amount of an Award  
 5 to an individual under this subsection shall be  
 6 equal to \$75,000 for fiscal year 2005, adjusted  
 7 for subsequent fiscal years to reflect the in-  
 8 crease in the Consumer Price Index.

9 “(B) TERM.—The term of any Award  
 10 made under this subsection shall not exceed 5  
 11 years.

12 “(4) SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—An individual  
 13 who receives an Award under this subsection shall  
 14 provide training in hospice care and palliative medi-  
 15 cine, including the training of interdisciplinary  
 16 teams of health care professionals. The provision of  
 17 such training shall constitute at least 75 percent of  
 18 the obligations of such individual under the terms of  
 19 the Award.

20 “(5) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall  
 21 take effect 90 days after the date of enactment of  
 22 the Palliative Care Training Act.”.

23 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
 24 757 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294g)  
 25 is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “through  
2   2002” and inserting “through 2010”;

3           (2) in subsection (b)(1)(C), by striking  
4   “\$22,631,000” and inserting “\$55,779,000”; and

5           (3) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the  
6   following:

7           “(3) GERIATRIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING.—  
8   Of the amount made available under subsection  
9   (b)(1)(C) for fiscal year 2005, the Secretary may ob-  
10   ligate for awards under subsections (a), (b), and (c)  
11   of section 753 an amount not less than  
12   \$31,805,000.”.

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