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# S. 823

To provide for the establishment of summer health career introductory programs for middle and high school students.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2005

Mr. BURNS 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. SUMMER HEALTH CAREER INTRODUCTORY**

4                       **PROGRAMS.**

5       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6               (1) the success of the health care system is de-  
7       pendent on qualified personnel;

8               (2) hospitals and health facilities across the  
9       United States have been deeply impacted by declines

1 among nurses, pharmacists, radiology and laboratory  
2 technicians, and other workers;

3 (3) the health care workforce shortage is not a  
4 short term problem and such workforce shortages  
5 can be expected for many years; and

6 (4) most States are looking for ways to address  
7 such shortages.

8 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
9 Services, acting through the Bureau of Health Professions  
10 of the Health Resources and Services Administration, may  
11 award not to exceed 5 grants for the establishment of  
12 summer health career introductory programs for middle  
13 and high school students.

14 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
15 under subsection (b) an entity shall—

16 (1) be an institution of higher education (as de-  
17 fined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act  
18 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); and

19 (2) prepare and submit to the Secretary of  
20 Health and Human Services an application at such  
21 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-  
22 tion as the Secretary may require.

23 (d) DURATION.—The term of a grant under sub-  
24 section (b) shall not exceed 4 years.

1       (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
3 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
4 2006 through 2009.

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