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To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a psychology post-doctoral fellowship program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Psychologists in the
5 Service of the Public Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR FELLOWSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY.**

7 Part C of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 293k et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

1 **“SEC. 749. GRANTS FOR FELLOWSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
3 psychology post-doctoral fellowship program to make
4 grants to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to
5 encourage the provision of psychological training and serv-
6 ices in underserved treatment areas.

7 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

8 “(1) INDIVIDUALS.—In order to receive a grant
9 under this section an individual shall submit an ap-
10 plication to the Secretary at such time, in such
11 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
12 retary shall require, including a certification that
13 such individual—

14 “(A) has received a doctoral degree
15 through a graduate program in psychology pro-
16 vided by an accredited institution at the time
17 such grant is awarded;

18 “(B) will provide services to a medically
19 underserved population during the period of
20 such grant;

21 “(C) will comply with the provisions of
22 subsection (c); and

23 “(D) will provide any other information or
24 assurances as the Secretary determines appro-
25 priate.

1 “(2) INSTITUTIONS.—In order to receive a
2 grant or contract under this section, an institution
3 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such
4 time, in such form, and containing such information
5 as the Secretary shall require, including a certifi-
6 cation that such institution—

7 “(A) is an entity, approved by the State,
8 that provides psychological services in medically
9 underserved areas or to medically underserved
10 populations (including entities that care for the
11 mentally retarded, mental health institutions,
12 and prisons);

13 “(B) will use amounts provided to such in-
14 stitution under this section to provide financial
15 assistance in the form of fellowships to qualified
16 individuals who meet the requirements of sub-
17 paragraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (1);

18 “(C) will not use more than 10 percent of
19 amounts provided under this section to pay for
20 the administrative costs of any fellowship pro-
21 grams established with such funds; and

22 “(D) will provide any other information or
23 assurances as the Secretary determines appro-
24 priate.

1 “(c) CONTINUED PROVISION OF SERVICES.—Any in-
2 dividual who receives a grant or fellowship under this sec-
3 tion shall certify to the Secretary that such individual will
4 continue to provide the type of services for which such
5 grant or fellowship is awarded for not less than 1 year
6 after the term of the grant or fellowship has expired.

7 “(d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
9 promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this section,
10 including regulations that define the terms ‘medically un-
11 derserved areas’ and ‘medically underserved populations’.

12 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008 through
15 2010.”.

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