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# S. 57

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE 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 “Psychologists in the  
5       Service of the Public Act of 2009”.

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 2010 through  
15  2012.”.

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