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H. R. 1178

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for graduate medical education partnerships in States with a low physician-resident-to-general-population ratio.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2013

Ms. CASTOR of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Creating Access to
5 Residency Education Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS**
2 **IN STATES WITH A LOW PHYSICIAN-RESI-**
3 **DENT-TO-GENERAL-POPULATION RATIO.**

4 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 is amended by inserting after section 317T (42 U.S.C.
6 247b–22) the following:

7 **“SEC. 317U. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PARTNER-**
8 **SHIPS IN STATES WITH A LOW PHYSICIAN-**
9 **RESIDENT-TO-GENERAL-POPULATION RATIO.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Cen-
11 ters for Medicare & Medicaid Services (in this section re-
12 ferred to as the ‘Administrator’) shall make grants to, or
13 enter into contracts with, eligible partnerships between
14 State or local governments and private entities to support
15 the creation of new medical residency training programs
16 or slots within existing programs in underserved States
17 in which there is a low physician-resident-to-general-popu-
18 lation ratio.

19 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive Federal
20 funding under this section, a partnership must consist
21 of—

22 “(1) a State in which there are fewer than 25
23 medical residents per population of 100,000 or a
24 local government within such a State; and

1 “(2) a public or private entity consisting of a
2 public or nonprofit teaching hospital or an accredited
3 graduate medical education training program.

4 “(c) MATCHING FUNDING.—In awarding a grant or
5 contract under this section, the Administrator shall include a requirement of matching funds as follows:

7 “(1) The public or private entity must agree to
8 provide one-third of the cost of the medical residency
9 program or new slots in an existing program.

10 “(2) The State or local government must agree
11 to provide one-third of the cost of the medical residency
12 program or new slots in an existing program.

13 “(3) To the extent and in the amounts made
14 available in advance in appropriations Acts, the Administrator shall agree to provide the remaining one-
15 third of the cost of the medical residency program
16 or slots in an existing program.

18 “(d) PREFERENCES.—In awarding grants and contracts
19 under this section, the Administrator shall give
20 preference to the following:

21 “(1) Eligible partnerships in which the participating
22 State has 20 or fewer medical residents per
23 population of 100,000 or the participating local government
24 is within such a State.

1 “(2) Eligible partnerships in which the State
2 involved has a population exceeding 15,000,000 and
3 has less than 10 percent of the Nation’s residency
4 slots.

5 “(3) Eligible partnerships which fund new grad-
6 uate medical education programs or slots within ex-
7 isting programs in the field of family medicine, in-
8 ternal medicine and its subspecialties, geriatrics, or
9 pediatrics.

10 “(e) REQUIREMENTS.—The Administrator may es-
11 tablish application processes and other requirements for
12 partnerships to receive funding under this section includ-
13 ing multiyear commitments to ensure the continued fund-
14 ing of graduate medical education slots for residents in
15 training.

16 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
17 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
18 priated \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2014, and such sums
19 as may be necessary for fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”.

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