

113TH CONGRESS
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S. 726

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care, including both physical and mental care, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2013

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) 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 “Rural Preventive
5 Health Care Training Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.**

2 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
4 tion 754 the following:

5 **“SEC. 754A. PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
7 to, and enter into contracts with, eligible applicants to en-
8 able such applicants to provide preventive health care
9 training, in accordance with subsection (c), to health care
10 practitioners practicing in rural areas. Such training shall,
11 to the extent practicable, include training in health care
12 to prevent both physical and mental disorders before the
13 initial occurrence of such disorders. In carrying out this
14 subsection, the Secretary shall encourage, but may not re-
15 quire, the use of interdisciplinary training project applica-
16 tions.

17 “(b) LIMITATION.—To be eligible to receive training
18 using assistance provided under subsection (a), a health
19 care practitioner shall be determined by the eligible appli-
20 cant involved to be practicing, or desiring to practice, in
21 a rural area.

22 “(c) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—Amounts received under
23 a grant made or contract entered into under this section
24 shall be used—

25 “(1) to provide student stipends to individuals
26 attending rural community colleges or other institu-

1 tions that service predominantly rural communities,
2 for the purpose of enabling the individuals to receive
3 preventive health care training;

4 “(2) to increase staff support at rural commu-
5 nity colleges or other institutions that service pre-
6 dominantly rural communities to facilitate the provi-
7 sion of preventive health care training;

8 “(3) to provide training in appropriate research
9 and program evaluation skills in rural communities;

10 “(4) to create and implement innovative pro-
11 grams and curricula with a specific prevention com-
12 ponent; and

13 “(5) for other purposes as the Secretary deter-
14 mines to be appropriate.

15 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
17 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017.”.

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