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To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Silvio O. Conte
Senior Biomedical Research Service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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the Silvio O. Conte Senior Biomedical Research Service.

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. SILVIO O. CONTE SENIOR BIOMEDICAL RE-**
4 **SEARCH SERVICE.**

5 (a) **HIRING AND RETENTION AUTHORITY.**—Section
6 228 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 237) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “AND
9 BIOMEDICAL PRODUCT ASSESSMENT” after “RE-
10 SEARCH”;

1 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Silvio O.
2 Conte Senior Biomedical Research Service, not to
3 exceed 500 members” and inserting “Silvio O. Conte
4 Senior Biomedical Research and Biomedical Product
5 Assessment Service (in this section referred to as the
6 ‘Service’), the purpose of which is to recruit and re-
7 tain competitive and qualified scientific and tech-
8 nical experts outstanding in the field of biomedical
9 research, clinical research evaluation, and biomedical
10 product assessment”;

11 (3) by amending subsection (a)(2) to read as
12 follows:

13 “(2) The authority established in paragraph (1) may
14 not be construed to require the Secretary to reduce the
15 number of employees serving under any other employment
16 system in order to offset the number of members serving
17 in the Service.”;

18 (4) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
20 by striking “or clinical research evaluation” and
21 inserting “, clinical research evaluation or bio-
22 medical product assessment” after “evalua-
23 tion”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or a
25 master’s level degree in engineering,

1 bioinformatics, or a related or emerging field,”
2 after the comma;

3 (5) in subsection (d), by striking “and shall not
4 exceed the rate payable for level I of the Executive
5 Schedule unless approved by the President under
6 section 5377(d)(2) of title 5, United States Code”
7 and inserting “and shall not exceed the rate payable
8 for the President”;

9 (6) by striking subsection (e); and

10 (7) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
11 subsections (e) and (f), respectively.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services shall submit, and publish on the website
15 of the Department of Health and Human Services a report
16 on the implementation of the amendments made by sub-
17 section (a), including whether the amendments have im-
18 proved the ability of the Food and Drug Administration
19 to hire and retain qualified experts to fulfill obligations
20 specified under user fee agreements.

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