

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 9005

To amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to Hispanic-serving institutions, historically Black colleges and universities, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges or Universities, regional community-based organizations, and national minority medical associations, for counseling, mentoring and providing information on financial assistance to prepare underrepresented minority individuals to enroll in and graduate from health professional schools and to increase services for underrepresented minority students, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2020

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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schools and to increase services for underrepresented minority students, and for other purposes.

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 “Health Workforce Di-
 5 versity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS, HISTORICALLY**
 7 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, ASIAN**
 8 **AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC**
 9 **ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTIONS, TRIBAL**
 10 **COLLEGES, REGIONAL COMMUNITY-BASED**
 11 **ORGANIZATIONS, AND NATIONAL MINORITY**
 12 **MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title VII of the Public
 14 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293 et seq.) is amended
 15 by adding at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 742. HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS, HISTORI-**
 17 **CALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,**
 18 **ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PA-**
 19 **CIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTIONS,**
 20 **AND TRIBAL COLLEGES.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
 22 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
 23 Administration and in consultation with the Secretary of
 24 Education, shall award grants to Hispanic-serving institu-

1 tions, historically Black colleges and universities, Asian
2 American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving
3 institutions, Tribal Colleges or Universities, regional com-
4 munity-based organizations, and national minority med-
5 ical associations, for counseling, mentoring and providing
6 information on financial assistance to prepare underrep-
7 resented minority individuals to enroll in and graduate
8 from health professional schools and to increase services
9 for underrepresented minority students including—

10 “(1) mentoring with underrepresented health
11 professionals; and

12 “(2) providing financial assistance information
13 for continued education and applications to health
14 professional schools.

15 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN
17 PACIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
18 term ‘Asian American and Native American Pacific
19 Islander-serving institution’ has the meaning given
20 such term in section 320(b) of the Higher Education
21 Act of 1965.

22 “(2) HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
23 term ‘Hispanic-serving institution’ means an entity
24 that—

1 “(A) is a school or program for which
2 there is a definition under section 799B;

3 “(B) has an enrollment of full-time equiva-
4 lent students that is made up of at least 9 per-
5 cent Hispanic students;

6 “(C) has been effective in carrying out pro-
7 grams to recruit Hispanic individuals to enroll
8 in and graduate from the school;

9 “(D) has been effective in recruiting and
10 retaining Hispanic faculty members;

11 “(E) has a significant number of graduates
12 who are providing health services to medically
13 underserved populations or to individuals in
14 health professional shortage areas; and

15 “(F) is a Hispanic Center of Excellence in
16 Health Professions Education designated under
17 section 736(d)(2) of the Public Health Service
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 293(d)(2)).

19 “(3) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNI-
20 VERSITY.—The term ‘historically Black college and
21 university’ has the meaning given the term ‘part B
22 institution’ as defined in section 322 of the Higher
23 Education Act of 1965.

24 “(4) TRIBAL COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—The
25 term ‘Tribal College or University’ has the meaning

1 given such term in section 316(b) of the Higher
2 Education Act of 1965.

3 “(c) CERTAIN LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS.—In
4 carrying out the National Health Service Corps Loan Re-
5 payment Program established under subpart III of part
6 D of title III and the loan repayment program under sec-
7 tion 317F, the Secretary shall ensure, notwithstanding
8 such subpart or section, that loan repayments of not less
9 than \$50,000 per year per person are awarded for repay-
10 ment of loans incurred for enrollment or participation of
11 underrepresented minority individuals in health profes-
12 sional schools and other health programs described in this
13 section.

14 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
17 2021 through 2026.”.

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