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H. R. 4918

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to medical and other health profession schools to expand or develop education and training programs for substance use prevention and treatment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey 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 “Solutions Not Stigmas
5 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP OR ENHANCE SUB-**
2 **STANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT-RE-**
3 **LATED CURRICULA IN MEDICAL AND OTHER**
4 **HEALTH PROFESSION SCHOOLS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary acting through the
6 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-
7 ministration (in this section referred to as the ‘Secretary’)
8 may award grants to eligible entities to establish, expand,
9 and implement substance use disorder treatment or chron-
10 ic pain education curricula, including with respect to clin-
11 ical training experiences in primary care, mental, and be-
12 havioral health settings.

13 (b) CURRICULA.—Curricula funded under this sec-
14 tion shall—

15 (1) be designed based on the best possible evi-
16 dence to improve communication and provider pre-
17 paredness with respect to substance use disorder and
18 chronic pain treatment;

19 (2) include curricula on—

20 (A) prevention and early intervention for
21 unhealthy substance use;

22 (B) best practices, when applicable, for
23 prescribing opioids and other addictive sub-
24 stances; and

25 (C) clinical training experiences in primary
26 care, mental, and behavioral health care set-

1 tings to complement classroom-based instruc-
2 tion; and

3 (3) highlight the importance of reducing stigma
4 and bias associated with substance use disorders and
5 chronic pain.

6 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
7 under this section, an entity shall—

8 (1) be—

9 (A) a school of allopathic medicine, or a
10 school of osteopathic medicine (as defined in
11 section 799B of the Public Health Service Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 295p));

13 (B) a school of nursing (as defined in sec-
14 tion 801 of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 296));

16 (C) a health profession school or program
17 (other than a school of allopathic medicine or
18 osteopathic medicine) that is accredited by an
19 appropriate (as determined by the Secretary)
20 accrediting body, including any such physician
21 assistant educational program; or

22 (D) a residency or fellowship program ac-
23 credited by the Accreditation Council for Grad-
24 uate Medical Education (ACGME); and

1 (2) submit an application to the Secretary by
2 such time, in such form and manner, and containing
3 such information as specified by the Secretary, in-
4 cluding—

5 (A) a description of how the entity intends
6 to implement the substance use disorder treat-
7 ment or chronic pain training curricula funded
8 under this section; and

9 (B) a description of how the entity intends
10 to evaluate the success of such curricula.

11 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

12 (1) DURATION OF GRANT.—Under this section,
13 a grant awarded to an entity shall be for a three-
14 year period.

15 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

16 (A) GRANT AMOUNTS.—A grant awarded
17 to an eligible entity under this section may not
18 exceed \$500,000.

19 (B) ONE GRANT PER SCHOOL.—An entity
20 shall not be eligible for more than one grant,
21 and the Secretary shall not renew a grant,
22 under this section.

23 (3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
24 section, the Secretary shall give priority to medical

1 schools and other health profession schools and pro-
2 grams—

3 (A) that submit applications under sub-
4 section (c)(2)—

5 (i) in coordination with an addiction
6 medicine fellowship training program;

7 (ii) in coordination with a residency
8 program; or

9 (iii) demonstrating specific outcomes
10 competencies in substance use disorders or
11 chronic pain management; or

12 (B) that, for purposes of implementing
13 curricula funded under this section through the
14 use of such a grant, partner with education pro-
15 grams for both physicians and non-physician
16 health professionals.

17 (e) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
18 priated to the Secretary to carry out this section
19 \$5,000,000 for each fiscal years 2024 through 2026.

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