

S. 3473

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3473, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive.

S. 3492

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3492, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any period in which regular visitation is restricted.

S. 3597

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) were added as cosponsors of S. 3597, a bill to reauthorize the National Quantum Initiative Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3606

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3606, a bill to subject aliens convicted of fraud to deportation and to bestow concurrent jurisdiction to revoke the citizenship of any naturalized United States citizen convicted of fraud on any court that enters such a conviction.

S. 3627

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3627, a bill to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, and for other purposes.

S. 3667

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 3667, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 3674

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 3674, a bill to expand

and clarify the grounds for civil denaturalization proceedings for individuals who have defrauded a governmental program, joined a terrorist organization, or committed certain criminal offenses.

S.J. RES. 78

At the request of Mr. SCHIFF, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 78, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the authority of Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections and to enact public financing systems for political campaigns.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BANKS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MORAN, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3697. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the approval of new abortion drugs, to prohibit investigational use exemptions for abortion drugs, and to impose additional regulatory requirements with respect to previously approved abortion drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Last week, tens of thousands of Americans of all ages, from across the country, gathered in our Nation's Capital to march for the most vulnerable among us: preborn children. I am so proud to live in a country with such a strong and resilient pro-life movement. While we have experienced many ups and downs in the cause for life, one thing has never changed: We have never given up.

The fact that the March for Life has endured for 53 years speaks volumes about our Nation's heart and soul. Deep down, we know that protecting those who cannot defend themselves is the foundation for every meaningful cause in today's society. That conviction is why so many of my pro-life colleagues step forward to lead legislative efforts to protect vulnerable preborn babies and their mothers.

Today, I am reintroducing one of those efforts. The SAVE Moms and Babies Act would protect vulnerable women and their preborn children from the real dangers of chemical abortions.

The chemical abortion regimen is falsely advertised to be safer than Tylenol. Tragically, many women have learned otherwise. Nearly 11 percent experience serious or life-threatening complications such as sepsis, hemorrhage, infection, and emergency surgery within 45 days of ingesting the pills.

The SAVE Moms and Babies Act would restore commonsense safety protections, including requiring an in-person doctor visit before mifepristone is prescribed. This drug should never be administered through the mail, where abusers and traffickers can exploit others.

Until these safety protections are restored, I want to speak directly to any woman who is considering taking the abortion bill: Please reconsider.

I thank my colleagues—30 pro-life Senators—who are joining me in reintroducing the SAVE Moms and Babies Act. It is so important. Until these safety protections are restored, this is so important.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3706. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of produce prescriptions to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3706

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Produce Prescriptions for Veterans Act".

#### SEC. 2. PROVISION OF PRODUCE PRESCRIPTIONS TO VETERANS.

(a) INCLUSION AS MEDICAL SERVICES.—Paragraph (6) of section 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(J) The provision of produce prescriptions."

(b) DEFINITION OF PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(1) The term 'produce prescription' means a service in which the Secretary provides a benefit to a veteran who has a diet-related chronic condition and is food-insecure or refers such a veteran to receive a benefit, including a voucher or debit card, for the purchase of fruits and vegetables to improve a diet-related chronic condition."

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3707. A bill to provide for a wage differential program to support new nursing school faculty members; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 3707

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Nurse Faculty Shortage Reduction Act of 2026".

#### SEC. 2. NURSE FACULTY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

Section 846A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297n-1) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To increase the number of qualified nursing faculty, the Secretary may—

“(1) enter into an agreement with any accredited school of nursing for the establishment and operation of a student loan fund in accordance with subsection (b); and

“(2) award nurse faculty grants in accordance with subsection (c).”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(C) in subparagraph (C), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (c)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”;

(D) by striking “(b) AGREEMENTS—Each agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall—” and inserting the following:

“(b) SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDENT LOAN FUND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each agreement entered into under subsection (a)(1) shall—”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “subsection (a)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (a)(1)”;

(B) in paragraph (3), by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(C) in paragraph (6), by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(D) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (6) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly; and

(E) in subparagraph (F)(ii), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”;

(4) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection (c)(6)(B)” and inserting “paragraph (2)(F)(ii)”;

(5) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) NURSE FACULTY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish and carry out a demonstration program described in subsection (a)(2) under which eligible schools of nursing receive a grant for purposes of supplementing the salaries of eligible nursing faculty members to enhance recruitment and retention of nursing faculty members.

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall—

“(A) be a school of nursing; and

“(B) submit an application to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including—

“(i)(I) to the extent such information is available to the school of nursing, the salary history of nursing faculty at such school who previously were nurses in clinical practice, for the most recent 3-year period ending on the date of application, adjusted for inflation as appropriate and broken down by credentials, experience, and levels of education of such nurses; or

“(II) if the information described in subclause (I) is not available, information on the average local salary of nurses in clinical practice, adjusted for inflation as appropriate and broken down by credentials, experience, and levels of education of the indi-

vidual nurses, in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary may specify;

“(ii) an attestation of the average nursing faculty salary at the school of nursing during the most recent 3-year period prior to the date of application, adjusted for inflation, as appropriate, broken down by credentials, experience, and levels of education of such faculty members;

“(iii) the number of nursing faculty member vacancies at the entity at the time of application, and the entity’s projection of such vacancies over the ensuing 5-year period; and

“(iv) a description of the entity’s plans to identify funding sources to sustainably continue, after the 3-year grant period, the salary available to the eligible nursing faculty member pursuant to the program under this subsection during such grant program and to retain eligible nursing faculty members after the end of the grant period.

“(3) AWARDS.—A grant awarded under this subsection, with respect to supporting eligible nursing faculty members, shall—

“(A) be awarded to the school of nursing to supplement the salaries of eligible faculty members at the school of nursing, annually, for up to a 3-year period, in an amount equal to, for each eligible nursing faculty member at the eligible entity during the grant period, the difference between—

“(i) the average salary of nurses in clinical practice, as submitted under subclause (I) or (II) of paragraph (2)(B)(i); and

“(ii) the greater of—

“(I) the salary for the eligible nursing faculty member at the school of nursing; or

“(II) the average nursing faculty salary, as submitted under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for faculty members with the same or similar credentials and level of education;

“(B) notwithstanding section 803(a), be used in its entirety to supplement the eligible faculty member’s salary; and

“(C) be conditioned upon the school of nursing maintaining, for each year in which the award is made as described in subparagraph (A), a salary for such faculty member at a level that is not less than the greater of the amount under subclause (I) or (II) of subparagraph (A)(ii).

“(4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure the equitable geographic distribution of awards, and shall give priority to applications from schools of nursing that demonstrate—

“(A) the greatest need for such grant, which may be based upon the financial circumstances of the school of nursing, the number of eligible nurse faculty members, the planned number of students to be trained or admitted off a wait list;

“(B) training or partnerships to serve vulnerable patient populations, such as through the location or activity of a school in a health professional shortage area (as defined in section 332); or

“(C) recruitment and retention of faculty from underrepresented populations.

“(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection precludes a school of nursing or an eligible nursing faculty member receiving an award under this section from obtaining or receiving any other form of Federal support or funding.

“(6) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Nurse Faculty Shortage Reduction Act of 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, a report that evaluates the program established under this subsection, including—

“(A) the impact of such program on recruitment and retention rates of nursing faculty, as available, and specifically for each faculty member participating in the program; and

“(B) recommendations and considerations for Congress on continuing the program under this subsection.

“(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) ELIGIBLE NURSING FACULTY MEMBER.—The term ‘eligible nursing faculty member’ means a nursing faculty member who—

“(i) was hired by a school of nursing within the 2-year period preceding the submission of an application under paragraph (2), or a prospective nursing faculty member;

“(ii) is currently employed at the school of nursing and who demonstrates the need for such support;

“(iii) previously worked as a nurse in clinical practice or as a nurse faculty member at another school of nursing; or

“(iv) may work on a part-time basis as a nursing faculty member, for whom such award amounts described in paragraph (3) shall be prorated relative to the amount of time participating in part-time teaching.

“(B) INFLATION.—The term ‘inflation’ means the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (all items; U.S. city average).

“(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this subsection, there is authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2027 through 2031.”.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 586—RAISING AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING THE PREVENTION OF STALKING BY DESIGNATING JANUARY 2026 AS “NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH”

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 586

Whereas approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in the United States, at some point during their lifetimes, have experienced stalking victimization, causing them to feel very fearful, threatened, or concerned for their own safety or the safety of others;

Whereas it is estimated that, each year, over 13,400,000 individuals in the United States report that they have been victims of stalking;

Whereas more than 80 percent of victims of stalking report that they have been stalked by a current or former intimate partner or acquaintance;

Whereas nearly 70 percent of female stalking victims and 80 percent of male stalking victims are threatened with physical harm by stalkers;

Whereas stalking is a risk factor for intimate partner homicide;

Whereas 3 in 4 female victims of intimate partner homicides were stalked during the year preceding the homicide by their killers;

Whereas 11 percent of victims of stalking report having been stalked for 5 or more years;

Whereas 2 in 3 stalkers pursue their victims at least once a week;

Whereas many victims of stalking are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, including relocating, changing jobs, or obtaining protection orders;