

“(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;

Whereas the prevalence of anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, and severe depression is much higher among victims of stalking than the general population;

Whereas many victims of stalking do not report stalking to the police or contact a victim service provider, shelter, or hotline;

Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law, the laws of all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the territories of the United States, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice;

Whereas stalking affects victims of every race, age, culture, gender, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;

Whereas national organizations, local victim service organizations, college and university campuses, prosecutor's offices, and police departments stand ready to assist victims of stalking and are working diligently to develop effective and innovative responses to stalking, including online stalking;

Whereas there is a need to improve the response of the criminal justice system to stalking through more aggressive investigation and prosecution;

Whereas there is a need for an increase in the availability of victim services across the United States, and those services must include programs tailored to meet the needs of victims of stalking;

Whereas individuals between 18 and 24 years old experience the highest rates of stalking victimization, and a majority of stalking victims report their victimization first occurred before the age of 25;

Whereas 43 percent of women in college who experience stalking by an intimate partner also experience sexual or physical assault;

Whereas college students with disabilities are twice as likely as college students without disabilities to experience stalking;

Whereas there is a need for an effective response to stalking on each college and university campus;

Whereas 80 percent of stalking victims report being stalked with technology, such as phone calls, text messages, social media platforms, internet posts, emails, and electronic tracking;

Whereas victims of technology-facilitated stalking often report higher fear than victims who experience in-person stalking and are just as concerned for their safety;

Whereas January 2026 marks the 22nd anniversary of the first "National Stalking Awareness Month"; and

Whereas the Senate finds that "National Stalking Awareness Month" provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about stalking: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates January 2026 as "National Stalking Awareness Month";

(2) applauds the efforts of service providers, police departments, prosecutor's offices, national and community organizations, colleges and universities, and private sector entities that combat stalking, support victims, and bring awareness to this crime;

(3) encourages policymakers, criminal justice officials, victim service and human service agencies, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of stalking and continue to support the availability of services for victims of stalking; and

(4) urges national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media to promote awareness of the crime of stalking through "National Stalking Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 587—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026, AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK"

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. MORENO, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 587

Whereas providing a diversity of choices in K–12 education empowers parents to select education environments that meet the individual needs and strengths of their children;

Whereas high-quality K–12 education environments of all varieties are available in the United States, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and home schooling;

Whereas talented teachers and school leaders in each of these education environments prepare children to achieve their dreams;

Whereas more families than ever before in the United States actively choose the best education for their children;

Whereas more public awareness of the issue of school choice in education can inform additional families of the benefits of proactively choosing challenging, motivating, and effective education environments for their children;

Whereas the process by which parents choose schools for their children is non-political, nonpartisan, and deserves the utmost respect; and

Whereas tens of thousands of events are planned to celebrate the benefits of educational choice during the 16th annual National School Choice Week, held during the week of January 25 through January 31, 2026: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of January 25 through January 31, 2026, as "National School Choice Week";

(2) congratulates students, parents, teachers, and school leaders from K–12 education environments of all varieties for their persistence, achievements, dedication, and contributions to society in the United States;

(3) encourages all parents, during National School Choice Week, to learn more about the education options available to them; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, events, and activities during National School Choice Week to raise public awareness of the benefits of opportunity in education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 588—CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER,

Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 588

Whereas the first International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) began in 1986 along the coastline of Texas, led by Linda Maraniss and Kathy O'Hara of Ocean Conservancy's predecessor organization;

Whereas the ICC spread to other States the following year and has become the largest annual volunteer event in the United States;

Whereas Canada and Mexico began hosting ICC events in 1989;

Whereas, since 1986, nearly 19,000,000 volunteers have joined local cleanup efforts to remove over 400,000,000 pounds of ocean trash from beaches and waterways from 155 countries around the globe and nearly every State in the country;

Whereas, in 2024 alone, over 486,000 volunteers came out to conduct cleanups of all shapes and sizes, in over 100 countries and almost every State, collecting 7,500,000 pounds of trash globally;

Whereas a network of partners, including nonprofits and State and local governments, coordinate the cleanup of hundreds of sites along the coasts of the United States;

Whereas, nationwide, nearly 140,000,000 individual trash items and 122,500,000 pounds of trash have been removed from the environment and recorded via the ICC data card or Clean Swell app;

Whereas data collected by ICC volunteers has resulted in the world's largest database of trackable, comparable data on ocean trash, totaling over 420,000,000 items, which is collected and published by Ocean Conservancy and is the largest and longest running citizen science ocean trash dataset in the world;

Whereas, as of 2025, 43 peer-reviewed scientific papers have used data from the ICC and more than 290 have cited the ICC;

Whereas over 70 percent of all ocean trash items collected through the ICC over the past 4 decades in the United States have been single-use plastics;

Whereas cleanups will not solve the plastic pollution crisis, but continue to play a vital role in reducing ocean plastic pollution;

Whereas, in 4 decades, the ICC has built a groundswell of ocean advocates and helped to raise awareness around the plastic pollution crisis;

Whereas local cleanups have an immediate, positive impact on the environment and communities and prevent future harm from plastics already out in the world;

Whereas participating in the ICC is one simple way that anyone, anywhere can take action for the oceans, whether on the coast or far inland; and

Whereas September 2025 marked the 40th anniversary of the International Coastal Cleanup: Now: therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates 2025 as the 40th anniversary of the International Coastal Cleanup;

(2) supports the goals and ambitions of the International Coastal Cleanup;

(3) encourages the people of the United States to participate in International Coastal Cleanup activities; and

(4) highlights the importance of reducing plastic pollution and addressing the problem at its source by producing less plastics.