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# H. R. 449

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to increasing the number of health professionals who practice in the United States in a field of primary health care.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## 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 “Primary Health Care  
5 Education Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT IN CERTAIN HEALTH PROFES-**  
2 **SIONS EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF PREF-**  
3 **ERENCE PROVISIONS REGARDING PRIMARY**  
4 **HEALTH CARE.**

5 Section 791 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 295j) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
8 subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the follow-  
10 ing subsection:

11 “(b) PREFERENCES REGARDING PRIMARY HEALTH  
12 CARE.—

13 “(1) SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE.—

14 “(A) In making awards of grants and con-  
15 tracts under this title to schools of medicine or  
16 osteopathic medicine, the Secretary shall give  
17 preference to any such school that, in accord-  
18 ance with such criteria as the Secretary may es-  
19 tablish, carries out a program—

20 “(i) to emphasize training in primary  
21 health care; and

22 “(ii) to encourage the students of the  
23 school to enter a field of primary health  
24 care as a career choice.

25 “(B) In determining whether a school of  
26 medicine or osteopathic medicine meets the con-

1           conditions for receiving preference under subpara-  
2           graph (A), the Secretary shall include among  
3           the factors considered the following:

4                   “(i) Whether the school has a depart-  
5                   ment, division, or other academic unit  
6                   whose principal purpose is to provide clini-  
7                   cal instruction in family medicine.

8                   “(ii) If the school has such a unit,  
9                   whether the school provides significant  
10                  funding for the unit (with the amount of  
11                  funding expressed as the ratio of the budg-  
12                  et for the unit to the number of students  
13                  enrolled in the school).

14                  “(iii) Whether the school requires that  
15                  each student of the school, as a condition  
16                  of receiving a degree from the school, have  
17                  significant clinical training in family medi-  
18                  cine, general internal medicine, and gen-  
19                  eral pediatrics by the end of the third year  
20                  of the curriculum.

21                  “(iv) Whether, in undergoing clinical  
22                  training, students of the school receive in-  
23                  struction from the faculty of medical resi-  
24                  dency training programs in fields of pri-  
25                  mary health care.

1           “(2) MEDICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PRO-  
2           GRAMS.—In making awards of grants and contracts  
3           under this title to entities that operate medical resi-  
4           dency training programs, the Secretary shall give  
5           preference to any such entity that, in accordance  
6           with such criteria as the Secretary may establish,  
7           ensures that each resident, in undergoing clinical  
8           training—

9                   “(A) receives instruction from the faculty  
10                  of medical residency training programs in fields  
11                  of primary health care; or

12                  “(B) has rotations providing training in  
13                  such fields.”.

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15           This Act takes effect October 1, 1995, or upon the  
16           date of the enactment of this Act, whichever occurs later.

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