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# H. R. 739

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

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

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 1997”.

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.

1           “(B) In determining whether a school of  
2 medicine or osteopathic medicine meets the con-  
3 ditions for receiving preference under subpara-  
4 graph (A), the Secretary shall include among  
5 the factors considered the following:

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

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

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

1                   “(iv) Whether, in undergoing clinical  
2                   training, students of the school receive in-  
3                   struction from the faculty of medical resi-  
4                   dency training programs in fields of pri-  
5                   mary health care.

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

14                         “(A) receives instruction from the faculty  
15                         of medical residency training programs in fields  
16                         of primary health care; or

17                         “(B) has rotations providing training in  
18                         such fields.”.

19 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20                   This Act takes effect October 1, 1997, or upon the  
21                   date of the enactment of this Act, whichever occurs later.

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