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S. 128

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care practitioners in rural areas with training in preventive health care, including both physical and mental care, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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 “Rural Preventive
5 Health Care Training Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.**

7 Section 778 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 294p) is amended—

1 【(1) in subsection (b)(3)(C), by striking “this
2 section” and inserting “subsection (a)”】;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
4 subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the follow-
6 ing new subsection:

7 “(e) PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TRAINING.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
9 grants to, and enter into contracts with, eligible ap-
10 plicants to enable such applicants to provide preven-
11 tive health care training, in accordance with para-
12 graph (3), to health care practitioners practicing in
13 rural areas. Such training shall, to the extent prac-
14 ticable, include training in health care to prevent
15 both physical and mental disorders before the initial
16 occurrence of such disorders. In carrying out this
17 paragraph, the Secretary shall encourage, but may
18 not require, the use of interdisciplinary training
19 project applications.

20 “(2) LIMITATION.—To be eligible to receive
21 training using assistance provided under paragraph
22 (1), a health care practitioner shall be determined by
23 the eligible applicant involved to be practicing, or de-
24 siring to practice, in a rural area.

1 “(3) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—Amounts received
2 under a grant made or contract entered into under
3 this subsection shall be used—

4 “(A) to provide student stipends to individ-
5 uals attending rural community colleges or
6 other institutions that service predominantly
7 rural communities, for the purpose of enabling
8 the individuals to receive preventive health care
9 training;

10 “(B) to increase staff support at rural
11 community colleges or other institutions that
12 service predominantly rural communities to fa-
13 cilitate the provision of preventive health care
14 training;

15 “(C) to provide training in appropriate re-
16 search and program evaluation skills in rural
17 communities;

18 “(D) to create and implement innovative
19 programs and curricula with a specific preven-
20 tion component; and

21 “(E) for other purposes as the Secretary
22 determines to be appropriate.

23 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
24 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out

1 this subsection, \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
2 1998 through 2000.”; and

3 (4) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
4 inserting “except subsection (e),” after “section,”.

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