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S. 1362

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and title VII of the Public Health Service Act to expand medical residency training programs in geriatrics, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. CRAIG) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Advancement of Geriatric Education Act of 2001”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Disregard of certain geriatric residents and fellows against graduate medical education limitations.

- Sec. 3. Extension of eligibility periods for geriatric graduate medical education.
 Sec. 4. Study and report on improvement of graduate medical education.
 Sec. 5. Improved funding for education and training relating to geriatrics.

1 **SEC. 2. DISREGARD OF CERTAIN GERIATRIC RESIDENTS**
 2 **AND FELLOWS AGAINST GRADUATE MEDICAL**
 3 **EDUCATION LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) DIRECT GME.—Section 1886(h)(4)(F) of the So-
 5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) is amend-
 6 ed by adding at the end the following new clause:

7 “(iii) INCREASE IN LIMITATION FOR
 8 GERIATRIC RESIDENCIES AND FELLOW-
 9 SHIPS.—For cost reporting periods begin-
 10 ning on or after the date that is 6 months
 11 after the date of enactment of the Ad-
 12 vancement of Geriatric Education Act of
 13 2001, in applying the limitations regarding
 14 the total number of full-time equivalent
 15 residents in the field of allopathic or osteo-
 16 pathic medicine under clause (i) for a hos-
 17 pital, the Secretary shall not take into ac-
 18 count a maximum of 5 residents enrolled
 19 in a geriatric residency or fellowship pro-
 20 gram approved by the Secretary for pur-
 21 poses of paragraph (5)(A) to the extent
 22 that the hospital increases the number of
 23 geriatric residents or fellows above the
 24 number of such residents or fellows for the

1 hospital's most recent cost reporting period
2 ending before the date that is 6 months
3 after the date of enactment of such Act.”.

4 (b) INDIRECT GME.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B) of the
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

7 “(ix) Clause (iii) of subsection (h)(4)(F) shall
8 apply to clause (v) in the same manner and for the
9 same period as such clause (iii) applies to clause (i)
10 of such subsection.”.

11 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY PERIODS FOR GERI-**
12 **ATRIC GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.**

13 (a) DIRECT GME.—Section 1886(h)(5)(G) of the So-
14 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(5)(G)) is amend-
15 ed by adding at the end the following new clause:

16 “(vi) GERIATRIC RESIDENCY AND
17 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS.—In the case of
18 an individual enrolled in a geriatric resi-
19 dency or fellowship program approved by
20 the Secretary for purposes of subpara-
21 graph (A), the period of board eligibility
22 and the initial residency period shall be the
23 period of board eligibility for the sub-
24 specialty involved, plus 1 year.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
2 1886(h)(5)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395ww(h)(5)(F)) is amended by striking “subparagraph
4 (G)(v)” and inserting “clauses (v) and (vi) of subpara-
5 graph (G)”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply to cost reporting periods beginning
8 on or after the date that is 6 months after the date of
9 enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT OF GRAD-**
11 **UATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.**

12 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
13 Services shall conduct a study to determine how to im-
14 prove the graduate medical education programs under
15 subsections (d)(5)(B) and (h) of section 1886 of the Social
16 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) so that such programs
17 prepare the physician workforce to serve the aging popu-
18 lation of the United States. Such study shall include a de-
19 termination of whether the establishment of an initiative
20 to encourage the development of individuals as academic
21 geriatricians would improve such programs.

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than the date that is 6
23 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Con-
25 gress a report on the study conducted under subsection

1 (a) together with such recommendations for legislative and
2 administrative action as the Secretary determines appro-
3 priate.

4 **SEC. 5. IMPROVED FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AND TRAIN-**
5 **ING RELATING TO GERIATRICS.**

6 (a) GERIATRIC FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS.—Section of
7 753(c)(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
8 294c(c)(4)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$50,000
10 for fiscal year 1998” and inserting “\$75,000 for fis-
11 cal year 2002”; and

12 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “shall not
13 exceed 5 years” and inserting “shall be 5 years”.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 757 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294g)
16 is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) by striking “IN GENERAL.—There are
19 authorized” and inserting “AUTHORIZATION.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
21 graph (2), there are authorized”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(2) EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATING TO
24 GERIATRICS.—There are authorized to be appro-
25 priated to carry out section 753 such sums as may

1 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through
2 2006.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
6 “and” at the end; and

7 (ii) by striking subparagraph (C) and
8 inserting the following:

9 “(C) not less than \$22,631,000 for awards
10 of grants and contracts under—

11 “(i) section 753 for fiscal years 1998
12 through 2001; and

13 “(ii) sections 754 and 755 for fiscal
14 years 1998 through 2002; and

15 “(D) for awards of grants and contracts
16 under section 753 after fiscal year 2001—

17 “(i) in 2002, not less than
18 \$20,000,000;

19 “(ii) in 2003, not less than
20 \$24,000,000;

21 “(iii) in 2004, not less than
22 \$28,000,000;

23 “(iv) in 2005, not less than
24 \$32,000,000; and

1 “(v) in 2006, not less than
2 \$36,000,000.”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
4 paragraphs (A) through (C)” and inserting
5 “subparagraphs (A) through (D)”;

6 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “sub-
7 paragraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (2)”
8 and inserting “subparagraphs (A) through (D)
9 of paragraph (1)”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2001.

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