

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2526

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical
Education Program.

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 “Children’s Hospitals
5 Educational Equity and Research Act” or the “CHEER
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS**
2 **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 340E(a) of
4 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256e(a)) is
5 amended by striking “2005” and inserting “2010”.

6 (b) DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Sec-
7 tion 340E(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
8 256e(c)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “but with-
10 out giving effect to section 1886(h)(7) of such Act)”
11 after “section 1886(h)(4) of the Social Security
12 Act”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)(E)(ii), by striking “de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (C)(ii)” and inserting “ap-
15 plied under section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Social Se-
16 curity Act for discharges occurring during the pre-
17 ceding fiscal year”.

18 (c) INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—
19 Section 340E(d)(2)(A) of the Public Health Service Act
20 (42 U.S.C. 256e(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

21 (1) by inserting “ratio of the” after “hospitals
22 and the”; and

23 (2) by inserting before the semicolon the fol-
24 lowing: “to beds (excluding beds or bassinets as-
25 signed to healthy newborn infants)”.

1 (d) NATURE OF PAYMENTS.—Section 340E(e)(3) of
2 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256e(e)(3)) is
3 amended by striking “made to pay” and inserting “made
4 and pay”.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
6 340E(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
7 256e(f)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

9 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “and”;

10 (B) in clause (iii), by striking the period
11 and inserting a semicolon; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(iv) for fiscal year 2006,
14 \$110,000,000; and

15 “(v) for each of fiscal years 2007
16 through 2010, such sums as may be nec-
17 essary.”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (2)—

19 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

20 (A)—

21 (i) by striking “There are hereby au-
22 thorized” and inserting “There are author-
23 ized”; and

24 (ii) by striking “(b)(1)(A)” and in-
25 serting “(b)(1)(B)”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “and”;

3 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
4 period and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) for fiscal year 2006, \$220,000,000;

7 and

8 “(E) for each of fiscal years 2007 through
9 2010, such sums as may be necessary.”.

10 (f) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 340E(e)(2)
11 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256e(e)(2))
12 is amended by striking the first sentence.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

14 It is the sense of the Senate that perinatal hospitals
15 play an important role in providing quality care and ensur-
16 ing the best possible outcomes for thousands of seriously
17 ill newborns each year, and that medical training pro-
18 grams at perinatal hospitals give providers essential train-
19 ing in treating healthy mothers and babies as well as pa-
20 tients in neonatal intensive care units.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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