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# S. 65

To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a psychology post-doctoral fellowship program, and for other purposes.

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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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Psychologists in the  
5 Service of the Public Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR FELLOWSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY.**

7 Part C of title VII of the Public Health Service Act  
8 (42 U.S.C. 293k et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following:

1 **“SEC. 749. GRANTS FOR FELLOWSHIPS IN PSYCHOLOGY.**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
3 psychology post-doctoral fellowship program to make  
4 grants to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to  
5 encourage the provision of psychological training and serv-  
6 ices in underserved treatment areas.

7       “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

8               “(1) INDIVIDUALS.—In order to receive a grant  
9 under this section an individual shall submit an ap-  
10 plication to the Secretary at such time, in such  
11 form, and containing such information as the Sec-  
12 retary shall require, including a certification that  
13 such individual—

14                       “(A) has received a doctoral degree  
15 through a graduate program in psychology pro-  
16 vided by an accredited institution at the time  
17 such grant is awarded;

18                       “(B) will provide services in a medically  
19 underserved population during the period of  
20 such grant;

21                       “(C) will comply with the provisions of  
22 subsection (c); and

23                       “(D) will provide any other information or  
24 assurances as the Secretary determines appro-  
25 priate.

1           “(2) INSTITUTIONS.—In order to receive a  
2 grant or contract under this section, an institution  
3 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such  
4 time, in such form, and containing such information  
5 as the Secretary shall require, including a certifi-  
6 cation that such institution—

7           “(A) is an entity, approved by the State,  
8 that provides psychological services in medically  
9 underserved areas or to medically underserved  
10 populations (including entities that care for the  
11 mentally retarded, mental health institutions,  
12 and prisons);

13           “(B) will use amounts provided to such in-  
14 stitution under this section to provide financial  
15 assistance in the form of fellowships to qualified  
16 individuals who meet the requirements of sub-  
17 paragraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (1);

18           “(C) will not use in excess of 10 percent  
19 of amounts provided under this section to pay  
20 for the administrative costs of any fellowship  
21 programs established with such funds; and

22           “(D) will provide any other information or  
23 assurance as the Secretary determines appro-  
24 priate.

1       “(c) CONTINUED PROVISION OF SERVICES.—Any in-  
2       dividual who receives a grant or fellowship under this sec-  
3       tion shall certify to the Secretary that such individual will  
4       continue to provide the type of services for which such  
5       grant or fellowship is awarded for at least 1 year after  
6       the term of the grant or fellowship has expired.

7       “(d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after  
8       the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
9       promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this section,  
10      including regulations that define the terms ‘medically un-  
11      derserved areas’ or ‘medically unserved populations’.

12      “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13      are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
14      \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 through  
15      2006.”.

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