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Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 3 “Health Professions Education Partnerships Act of
 4 1998”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL
 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Subtitle A—Health Professions Education Programs

Sec. 101. Under-represented minority health professions grant program.
 Sec. 102. Training in primary care medicine and dentistry.
 Sec. 103. Interdisciplinary, community-based linkages.
 Sec. 104. Health professions workforce information and analysis.
 Sec. 105. Public health workforce development.
 Sec. 106. General provisions.
 Sec. 107. Preference in certain programs.
 Sec. 108. Definitions.
 Sec. 109. Technical amendment on National Health Service Corps.
 Sec. 110. Savings provision.

Subtitle B—Nursing Workforce Development

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**CHAPTER 2—INSURED HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOANS TO
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Sec. 141. Health Education Assistance Loan Program.
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 Sec. 143. Reauthorization.
 Sec. 144. HEAL bankruptcy.
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TITLE II—OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH

Sec. 201. Revision and extension of programs of Office of Minority Health.

TITLE III—SELECTED INITIATIVES

Sec. 301. State offices of rural health.

Sec. 302. Demonstration projects regarding Alzheimer's Disease.

Sec. 303. Project grants for immunization services.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 401. Technical corrections regarding Public Law 103-183.

Sec. 402. Miscellaneous amendments regarding PHS commissioned officers.

Sec. 403. Clinical traineeships.

Sec. 404. Project grants for screenings, referrals, and education regarding lead poisoning.

Sec. 405. Project grants for preventive health services regarding tuberculosis.

Sec. 406. Certain authorities of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sec. 407. Community programs on domestic violence.

Sec. 408. State loan repayment program.

Sec. 409. Construction of regional centers for research on primates.

Sec. 410. Peer review.

Sec. 411. Funding for trauma care.

Sec. 412. Health information and health promotion.

Sec. 413. Emergency medical services for children.

Sec. 414. Administration of certain requirements.

Sec. 415. Aids drug assistance program.

TITLE I—HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS Subtitle A—Health Professions Education Programs

SEC. 101. UNDER-REPRESENTED MINORITY HEALTH PRO- FESSIONS GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“PART B—HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING FOR**
 2 **DIVERSITY**

3 **“SEC. 736. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
 5 to designated health professions schools described in sub-
 6 section (c) for the purpose of assisting the schools in sup-
 7 porting programs of excellence in health professions edu-
 8 cation for under-represented minority individuals.

9 “(b) REQUIRED USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary
 10 may not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the des-
 11 ignated health professions school involved agrees, subject
 12 to subsection (c)(1)(C), to expend the grant—

13 “(1) to develop a large competitive applicant
 14 pool through linkages with institutions of higher
 15 education, local school districts, and other commu-
 16 nity-based entities and establish an education pipe-
 17 line for health professions careers;

18 “(2) to establish, strengthen, or expand pro-
 19 grams to enhance the academic performance of
 20 under-represented minority students attending the
 21 school;

22 “(3) to improve the capacity of such school to
 23 train, recruit, and retain under-represented minority
 24 faculty including the payment of such stipends and
 25 fellowships as the Secretary may determine appro-
 26 priate;

1 “(4) to carry out activities to improve the infor-
 2 mation resources, clinical education, curricula and
 3 cultural competence of the graduates of the school,
 4 as it relates to minority health issues;

5 “(5) to facilitate faculty and student research
 6 on health issues particularly affecting under-rep-
 7 resented minority groups, including research on
 8 issues relating to the delivery of health care; and

9 “(6) to carry out a program to train students
 10 of the school in providing health services to a signifi-
 11 cant number of under-represented minority individ-
 12 uals through training provided to such students at
 13 community-based health facilities that—

14 “(A) provide such health services; and

15 “(B) are located at a site remote from the
 16 main site of the teaching facilities of the school.

17 “(c) CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—

18 “(1) DESIGNATED SCHOOLS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The designated health
 20 professions schools referred to in subsection (a)
 21 are such schools that meet each of the condi-
 22 tions specified in subparagraphs (B) and (C);
 23 and that—

24 “(i) meet each of the conditions speci-
 25 fied in paragraph (2)(A);

1 “(ii) meet each of the conditions spec-
2 ified in paragraph (3);

3 “(iii) meet each of the conditions
4 specified in paragraph (4); or

5 “(iv) meet each of the conditions spec-
6 ified in paragraph (5).

7 “(B) GENERAL CONDITIONS.—The condi-
8 tions specified in this subparagraph are that a
9 designated health professions school—

10 “(i) has a significant number of
11 under-represented minority individuals en-
12 rolled in the school, including individuals
13 accepted for enrollment in the school;

14 “(ii) has been effective in assisting
15 under-represented minority students of the
16 school to complete the program of edu-
17 cation and receive the degree involved;

18 “(iii) has been effective in recruiting
19 under-represented minority individuals to
20 enroll in and graduate from the school, in-
21 cluding providing scholarships and other fi-
22 nancial assistance to such individuals and
23 encouraging under-represented minority
24 students from all levels of the educational

1 pipeline to pursue health professions ca-
2 reers; and

3 “(iv) has made significant recruitment
4 efforts to increase the number of under-
5 represented minority individuals serving in
6 faculty or administrative positions at the
7 school.

8 “(C) CONSORTIUM.—The condition speci-
9 fied in this subparagraph is that, in accordance
10 with subsection (c)(1), the designated health
11 profession school involved has with other health
12 profession schools (designated or otherwise)
13 formed a consortium to carry out the purposes
14 described in subsection (b) at the schools of the
15 consortium.

16 “(D) APPLICATION OF CRITERIA TO
17 OTHER PROGRAMS.—In the case of any criteria
18 established by the Secretary for purposes of de-
19 termining whether schools meet the conditions
20 described in subparagraph (B), this section may
21 not, with respect to racial and ethnic minorities,
22 be construed to authorize, require, or prohibit
23 the use of such criteria in any program other
24 than the program established in this section.

1 ~~“(2) CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AT CERTAIN~~
 2 ~~HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVER-~~
 3 ~~SITIES.—~~

4 ~~“(A) CONDITIONS.—~~The conditions speci-
 5 ~~fied in this subparagraph are that a designated~~
 6 ~~health professions school—~~

7 ~~“(i) is a school described in section~~
 8 ~~799B(1); and~~

9 ~~“(ii) received a contract under section~~
 10 ~~788B for fiscal year 1987, as such section~~
 11 ~~was in effect for such fiscal year.~~

12 ~~“(B) USE OF GRANT.—~~In addition to the
 13 ~~purposes described in subsection (b), a grant~~
 14 ~~under subsection (a) to a designated health pro-~~
 15 ~~fessions school meeting the conditions described~~
 16 ~~in subparagraph (A) may be expended—~~

17 ~~“(i) to develop a plan to achieve insti-~~
 18 ~~tutional improvements, including financial~~
 19 ~~independence, to enable the school to sup-~~
 20 ~~port programs of excellence in health pro-~~
 21 ~~fessions education for under-represented~~
 22 ~~minority individuals; and~~

23 ~~“(ii) to provide improved access to the~~
 24 ~~library and informational resources of the~~
 25 ~~school.~~

1 “(C) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of
 2 paragraph (1)(C) shall not apply to a histori-
 3 cally black college or university that receives
 4 funding under paragraphs (2) or (5).

5 “(3) HISPANIC CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—

6 The conditions specified in this paragraph are
 7 that—

8 “(A) with respect to Hispanic individuals,
 9 each of clauses (i) through (iv) of paragraph
 10 (1)(B) applies to the designated health profes-
 11 sions school involved;

12 “(B) the school agrees, as a condition of
 13 receiving a grant under subsection (a), that the
 14 school will, in carrying out the duties described
 15 in subsection (b), give priority to carrying out
 16 the duties with respect to Hispanic individuals;
 17 and

18 “(C) the school agrees, as a condition of
 19 receiving a grant under subsection (a), that—

20 “(i) the school will establish an ar-
 21 rangement with 1 or more public or non-
 22 profit community based Hispanic serving
 23 organizations, or public or nonprofit pri-
 24 vate institutions of higher education, in-
 25 cluding schools of nursing, whose enroll-

1 ment of students has traditionally included
2 a significant number of Hispanic individ-
3 uals, the purposes of which will be to carry
4 out a program—

5 “(I) to identify Hispanic students
6 who are interested in a career in the
7 health profession involved; and

8 “(II) to facilitate the educational
9 preparation of such students to enter
10 the health professions school; and

11 “(ii) the school will make efforts to
12 recruit Hispanic students, including stu-
13 dents who have participated in the under-
14 graduate or other matriculation program
15 carried out under arrangements established
16 by the school pursuant to clause (i)(II) and
17 will assist Hispanic students regarding the
18 completion of the educational requirements
19 for a degree from the school.

20 “(4) ~~NATIVE AMERICAN CENTERS OF EXCEL-~~
21 ~~LENCE.~~—Subject to subsection (c), the conditions
22 specified in this paragraph are that—

23 “(A) with respect to Native Americans,
24 each of clauses (i) through (iv) of paragraph

1 ~~(1)(B)~~ applies to the designated health profes-
 2 sions school involved;

3 ~~“(B) the school agrees, as a condition of~~
 4 ~~receiving a grant under subsection (a), that the~~
 5 ~~school will, in carrying out the duties described~~
 6 ~~in subsection (b), give priority to carrying out~~
 7 ~~the duties with respect to Native Americans;~~
 8 ~~and~~

9 ~~“(C) the school agrees, as a condition of~~
 10 ~~receiving a grant under subsection (a), that—~~

11 ~~“(i) the school will establish an ar-~~
 12 ~~rangement with 1 or more public or non-~~
 13 ~~profit private institutions of higher edu-~~
 14 ~~cation, including schools of nursing, whose~~
 15 ~~enrollment of students has traditionally in-~~
 16 ~~cluded a significant number of Native~~
 17 ~~Americans, the purpose of which arrange-~~
 18 ~~ment will be to carry out a program—~~

19 ~~“(I) to identify Native American~~
 20 ~~students, from the institutions of~~
 21 ~~higher education referred to in clause~~
 22 ~~(i), who are interested in health pro-~~
 23 ~~fessions careers; and~~

24 ~~“(H) to facilitate the educational~~
 25 ~~preparation of such students to enter~~

1 the designated health professions
2 school; and

3 ~~“(ii) the designated health professions~~
4 school will make efforts to recruit Native
5 American students, including students who
6 have participated in the undergraduate
7 program carried out under arrangements
8 established by the school pursuant to
9 clause (i) and will assist Native American
10 students regarding the completion of the
11 educational requirements for a degree from
12 the designated health professions school.

13 ~~“(5) OTHER CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—The~~
14 conditions specified in this paragraph are—

15 ~~“(A) with respect to other centers of excel-~~
16 lence, the conditions described in clauses (i)
17 through (iv) of paragraph (1)(B); and

18 ~~“(B) that the health professions school in-~~
19 volved has an enrollment of under-represented
20 minorities above the national average for such
21 enrollments of health professions schools.

22 ~~“(d) DESIGNATION AS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.—~~

23 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any designated health pro-~~
24 fessions school receiving a grant under subsection
25 (a) and meeting the conditions described in para-

1 graph (2) or (5) of subsection (c) shall, for purposes
 2 of this section, be designated by the Secretary as a
 3 Center of Excellence in Under-Represented Minority
 4 Health Professions Education.

5 “(2) HISPANIC CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—
 6 Any designated health professions school receiving a
 7 grant under subsection (a) and meeting the condi-
 8 tions described in subsection (c)(3) shall, for pur-
 9 poses of this section, be designated by the Secretary
 10 as a Hispanic Center of Excellence in Health Profes-
 11 sions Education.

12 “(3) NATIVE AMERICAN CENTERS OF EXCEL-
 13 LENCE.—Any designated health professions school
 14 receiving a grant under subsection (a) and meeting
 15 the conditions described in subsection (c)(4) shall,
 16 for purposes of this section, be designated by the
 17 Secretary as a Native American Center of Excellence
 18 in Health Professions Education. Any consortium
 19 receiving such a grant pursuant to subsection (c)
 20 shall, for purposes of this section, be so designated.

21 “(c) AUTHORITY REGARDING NATIVE AMERICAN
 22 CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—With respect to meeting the
 23 conditions specified in subsection (c)(4), the Secretary
 24 may make a grant under subsection (a) to a designated

1 health professions school that does not meet such condi-
 2 tions if—

3 “(1) the school has formed a consortium in ac-
 4 cordance with subsection (d)(1); and

5 “(2) the schools of the consortium collectively
 6 meet such conditions, without regard to whether the
 7 schools individually meet such conditions.

8 “(f) DURATION OF GRANT.—The period during
 9 which payments are made under a grant under subsection
 10 (a) may not exceed 5 years. Such payments shall be sub-
 11 ject to annual approval by the Secretary and to the avail-
 12 ability of appropriations for the fiscal year involved to
 13 make the payments.

14 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) DESIGNATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
 16 SCHOOL.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘health pro-
 18 fessions school’ means, except as provided in
 19 subparagraph (B), a school of medicine, a
 20 school of osteopathic medicine, a school of den-
 21 tistry, a school of pharmacy, or a graduate pro-
 22 gram in behavioral or mental health.

23 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The definition estab-
 24 lished in subparagraph (A) shall not apply to

1 the use of the term ‘designated health profes-
 2 sions school’ for purposes of subsection (e)(2).

3 ~~“(2) PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE.—~~The term
 4 ‘program of excellence’ means any program carried
 5 out by a designated health professions school with a
 6 grant made under subsection (a); if the program is
 7 for purposes for which the school involved is author-
 8 ized in subsection (b) or (c) to expend the grant.

9 ~~“(3) NATIVE AMERICANS.—~~The term ‘Native
 10 Americans’ means American Indians, Alaskan Na-
 11 tives, Aleuts, and Native Hawaiians.

12 ~~“(h) FUNDING.—~~

13 ~~“(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—~~
 14 For the purpose of making grants under subsection
 15 (a), there authorized to be appropriated \$26,000,000
 16 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may be nec-
 17 essary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through
 18 2002.

19 ~~“(2) ALLOCATIONS.—~~Based on the amount ap-
 20 propriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, one
 21 of the following subparagraphs shall apply:

22 ~~“(A) IN GENERAL.—~~If the amounts appro-
 23 priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year
 24 are less than \$24,000,000—

1 “(i) the Secretary shall make available
 2 \$12,000,000 for grants under subsection
 3 (a) to health professions schools that meet
 4 the conditions described in subsection
 5 (e)(2)(A); and

6 “(ii) and available after grants are
 7 made with funds under clause (i), the Sec-
 8 retary shall make available—

9 “(I) 60 percent of such amount
 10 for grants under subsection (a) to
 11 health professions schools that meet
 12 the conditions described in paragraph
 13 (3) or (4) of subsection (c) (including
 14 meeting the conditions under sub-
 15 section (e)); and

16 “(II) 40 percent of such amount
 17 for grants under subsection (a) to
 18 health professions schools that meet
 19 the conditions described in subsection
 20 (e)(5).

21 “(B) FUNDING IN EXCESS OF
 22 \$24,000,000.—If amounts appropriated under
 23 paragraph (1) for a fiscal year exceed
 24 \$24,000,000 but are less than \$30,000,000—

1 “(i) 80 percent of such excess
2 amounts shall be made available for grants
3 under subsection (a) to health professions
4 schools that meet the requirements de-
5 scribed in paragraph (3) or (4) of sub-
6 section (c) (including meeting conditions
7 pursuant to subsection (c)); and

8 “(ii) 20 percent of such excess
9 amount shall be made available for grants
10 under subsection (a) to health professions
11 schools that meet the conditions described
12 in subsection (c)(5).

13 “(C) FUNDING IN EXCESS OF
14 \$30,000,000.—If amounts appropriated under
15 paragraph (1) for a fiscal year exceed
16 \$30,000,000, the Secretary shall make avail-
17 able—

18 “(i) not less than \$12,000,000 for
19 grants under subsection (a) to health pro-
20 fessions schools that meet the conditions
21 described in subsection (c)(2)(A);

22 “(ii) not less than \$12,000,000 for
23 grants under subsection (a) to health pro-
24 fessions schools that meet the conditions
25 described in paragraph (3) or (4) of sub-

1 section (c) (including meeting conditions
2 pursuant to subsection (c));

3 “(iii) not less than \$6,000,000 for
4 grants under subsection (a) to health pro-
5 fessions schools that meet the conditions
6 described in subsection (c)(5); and

7 “(iv) after grants are made with
8 funds under clauses (i) through (iii), any
9 remaining funds for grants under sub-
10 section (a) to health professions schools
11 that meet the conditions described in para-
12 graph (2)(A), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection
13 (c).

14 “(3) NO LIMITATION.—Nothing in this sub-
15 section shall be construed as limiting the centers of
16 excellence referred to in this section to the des-
17 ignated amount, or to preclude such entities from
18 competing for other grants under this section.

19 “(4) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to activi-
21 ties for which a grant made under this part are
22 authorized to be expended, the Secretary may
23 not make such a grant to a center of excellence
24 for any fiscal year unless the center agrees to
25 maintain expenditures of non-Federal amounts

for such activities at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the center for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the school receives such a grant.

“(B) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—With respect to any Federal amounts received by a center of excellence and available for carrying out activities for which a grant under this part is authorized to be expended, the Secretary may not make such a grant to the center for any fiscal year unless the center agrees that the center will, before expending the grant, expend the Federal amounts obtained from sources other than the grant.

“SEC. 737. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a grant to an eligible entity (as defined in subsection (d)(1)) under this section for the awarding of scholarships by schools to any full-time student who is an eligible individual as defined in subsection (d). Such scholarships may be expended only for tuition expenses, other reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses incurred in the attendance of such school.

1 “(b) PREFERENCE IN PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS.—

2 The Secretary may not make a grant to an entity under
 3 subsection (a) unless the health professions and nursing
 4 schools involved agree that, in providing scholarships pur-
 5 suant to the grant, the schools will give preference to stu-
 6 dents for whom the costs of attending the schools would
 7 constitute a severe financial hardship and, notwithstand-
 8 ing other provisions of this section, to former recipients
 9 of scholarships under sections 736 and 740(d)(2)(B) (as
 10 such sections existed on the day before the date of enact-
 11 ment of this section).

12 “(c) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—In awarding grants to eli-
 13 gible entities that are health professions and nursing
 14 schools, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
 15 based on the proportion of graduating students going into
 16 primary care, the proportion of underrepresented minority
 17 students, and the proportion of graduates working in
 18 medically underserved communities.

19 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The term ‘eligible
 21 entities’ means an entity that—

22 “(A) is a school of medicine, osteopathic
 23 medicine, dentistry, nursing (as defined in sec-
 24 tion 801), pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optom-
 25 etry, veterinary medicine, public health, or al-

1 lied health, a school offering a graduate pro-
 2 gram in behavioral and mental health practice;
 3 or an entity providing programs for the training
 4 of physician assistants; and

5 “(B) is carrying out a program for recruit-
 6 ing and retaining students from disadvantaged
 7 backgrounds, including students who are mem-
 8 bers of racial and ethnic minority groups.

9 ~~“(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—~~The term ‘eligible
 10 individual’ means an individual who—

11 “(A) is from a disadvantaged background;

12 “(B) has a financial need for a scholar-
 13 ship; and

14 “(C) is enrolled (or accepted for enroll-
 15 ment) at an eligible health professions or nurs-
 16 ing school as a full-time student in a program
 17 leading to a degree in a health profession or
 18 nursing.

19 **~~“SEC. 738. LOAN REPAYMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS REGARD-~~**
 20 **~~ING FACULTY POSITIONS.~~**

21 ~~“(a) LOAN REPAYMENTS.—~~

22 ~~“(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—~~The Sec-
 23 retary shall establish a program of entering into con-
 24 tracts with individuals described in paragraph (2)
 25 under which the individuals agree to serve as mem-

bers of the faculties of schools described in paragraph (3) in consideration of the Federal Government agreeing to pay, for each year of such service, not more than \$20,000 of the principal and interest of the educational loans of such individuals.

~~“(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—~~The individuals referred to in paragraph (1) are individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who—

~~“(A) have a degree in medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing, or another health profession;~~

~~“(B) are enrolled in an approved graduate training program in medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing, or other health profession; or~~

~~“(C) are enrolled as full-time students—~~

~~“(i) in an accredited (as determined by the Secretary) school described in paragraph (3); and~~

~~“(ii) in the final year of a course of a study or program, offered by such institution and approved by the Secretary, leading to a degree from such a school.~~

~~“(3) ELIGIBLE HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOLS.—~~The schools described in this paragraph

are schools of medicine, nursing (as schools of nursing are defined in section 801), osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, or public health, or schools offering graduate programs in behavioral and mental health.

~~“(4) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING FACULTY POSITIONS.—~~The Secretary may not enter into a contract under paragraph (1) unless—

~~“(A) the individual involved has entered into a contract with a school described in paragraph (3) to serve as a member of the faculty of the school for not less than 2 years; and~~

~~“(B) the contract referred to in subparagraph (A) provides that—~~

~~“(i) the school will, for each year for which the individual will serve as a member of the faculty under the contract with the school, make payments of the principal and interest due on the educational loans of the individual for such year in an amount equal to the amount of such payments made by the Secretary for the year;~~

~~“(ii) the payments made by the school pursuant to clause (i) on behalf of the indi-~~

vidual will be in addition to the pay that
the individual would otherwise receive for
serving as a member of such faculty; and

“(iii) the school, in making a deter-
mination of the amount of compensation to
be provided by the school to the individual
for serving as a member of the faculty, will
make the determination without regard to
the amount of payments made (or to be
made) to the individual by the Federal
Government under paragraph (1).

“(5) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVI-
SIONS.—The provisions of sections 338C, 338G, and
338I shall apply to the program established in para-
graph (1) to the same extent and in the same man-
ner as such provisions apply to the National Health
Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established
in subpart III of part D of title III, including the
applicability of provisions regarding reimbursements
for increased tax liability and regarding bankruptcy.

“(6) WAIVER REGARDING SCHOOL CONTRIBU-
TIONS.—The Secretary may waive the requirement
established in paragraph (4)(B) if the Secretary de-
termines that the requirement will impose an undue
financial hardship on the school involved.

1 “(b) FELLOWSHIPS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
3 grants to and enter into contracts with eligible enti-
4 ties to assist such entities in increasing the number
5 of underrepresented minority individuals who are
6 members of the faculty of such schools.

7 “(2) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
8 grant or contract under this subsection, an entity
9 shall provide an assurance, in the application sub-
10 mitted by the entity, that—

11 “(A) amounts received under such a grant
12 or contract will be used to award a fellowship
13 to an individual only if the individual meets the
14 requirements of paragraphs (3) and (4); and

15 “(B) each fellowship awarded pursuant to
16 the grant or contract will include—

17 “(i) a stipend in an amount not ex-
18 ceeding 50 percent of the regular salary of
19 a similar faculty member for not to exceed
20 3 years of training; and

21 “(ii) an allowance for other expenses,
22 such as travel to professional meetings and
23 costs related to specialized training.

24 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
25 grant or contract under paragraph (1), an applicant

1 shall demonstrate to the Secretary that such appli-
2 cant has or will have the ability to—

3 “(A) identify, recruit and select underrep-
4 resented minority individuals who have the po-
5 tential for teaching, administration, or conduct-
6 ing research at a health professions institution;

7 “(B) provide such individuals with the
8 skills necessary to enable them to secure a
9 tenured faculty position at such institution;
10 which may include training with respect to ped-
11 agogical skills, program administration, the de-
12 sign and conduct of research, grants writing,
13 and the preparation of articles suitable for pub-
14 lication in peer reviewed journals;

15 “(C) provide services designed to assist
16 such individuals in their preparation for an aca-
17 demic career, including the provision of coun-
18 selors; and

19 “(D) provide health services to rural or
20 medically underserved populations.

21 “(4) REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible to receive
22 a grant or contract under paragraph (1) an appli-
23 cant shall—

24 “(A) provide an assurance that such appli-
25 cant will make available (directly through cash

1 donations) \$1 for every \$1 of Federal funds re-
2 ceived under this section for the fellowship;

3 “(B) provide an assurance that institu-
4 tional support will be provided for the individ-
5 ual for the second and third years at a level
6 that is equal to the total amount of institutional
7 funds provided in the year in which the grant
8 or contract was awarded;

9 “(C) provide an assurance that the individ-
10 ual that will receive the fellowship will be a
11 member of the faculty of the applicant school;
12 and

13 “(D) provide an assurance that the individ-
14 ual that will receive the fellowship will have, at
15 a minimum, appropriate advanced preparation
16 (such as a master’s or doctoral degree) and spe-
17 cial skills necessary to enable such individual to
18 teach and practice.

19 “(5) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
20 section, the term ‘underrepresented minority individ-
21 uals’ means individuals who are members of racial
22 or ethnic minority groups that are underrepresented
23 in the health professions including nursing.

1 **“SEC. 739. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE HEALTH**
 2 **PROFESSIONS REGARDING INDIVIDUALS**
 3 **FROM DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS.**

4 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**

5 **“(1) AUTHORITY FOR GRANTS.—**For the pur-
 6 pose of assisting individuals from disadvantaged
 7 backgrounds, as determined in accordance with cri-
 8 teria prescribed by the Secretary, to undertake edu-
 9 cation to enter a health profession, the Secretary
 10 may make grants to and enter into contracts with
 11 schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public
 12 health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry,
 13 pharmacy, allied health, chiropractic, and podiatric
 14 medicine, public and nonprofit private schools that
 15 offer graduate programs in behavioral and mental
 16 health, programs for the training of physician assist-
 17 ants, and other public or private nonprofit health or
 18 educational entities to assist in meeting the costs de-
 19 scribed in paragraph (2).

20 **“(2) AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES.—**A grant or
 21 contract under paragraph (1) may be used by the
 22 entity to meet the cost of—

23 **“(A) identifying, recruiting, and selecting**
 24 **individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, as**
 25 **so determined, for education and training in a**
 26 **health profession;**

1 ~~“(B) facilitating the entry of such individ-~~
2 ~~uals into such a school;~~

3 ~~“(C) providing counseling, mentoring, or~~
4 ~~other services designed to assist such individ-~~
5 ~~uals to complete successfully their education at~~
6 ~~such a school;~~

7 ~~“(D) providing, for a period prior to the~~
8 ~~entry of such individuals into the regular course~~
9 ~~of education of such a school, preliminary edu-~~
10 ~~cation and health research training designed to~~
11 ~~assist them to complete successfully such regu-~~
12 ~~lar course of education at such a school, or re-~~
13 ~~ferring such individuals to institutions providing~~
14 ~~such preliminary education;~~

15 ~~“(E) publicizing existing sources of finan-~~
16 ~~cial aid available to students in the education~~
17 ~~program of such a school or who are undertak-~~
18 ~~ing training necessary to qualify them to enroll~~
19 ~~in such a program;~~

20 ~~“(F) paying such scholarships as the Sec-~~
21 ~~retary may determine for such individuals for~~
22 ~~any period of health professions education at a~~
23 ~~health professions school;~~

24 ~~“(G) paying such stipends as the Secretary~~
25 ~~may approve for such individuals for any period~~

of education in student-enhancement programs (other than regular courses) at any health professions school, except that such a stipend may not be provided to an individual for more than 12 months, and such a stipend shall be in an amount determined appropriate by the Secretary (notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding the amount of stipends);

“(H) carrying out programs under which such individuals gain experience regarding a career in a field of primary health care through working at facilities of public or private non-profit community-based providers of primary health services; and

“(I) conducting activities to develop a larger and more competitive applicant pool through partnerships with institutions of higher education, school districts, and other community-based entities.

“(3) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘regular course of education of such a school’ as used in subparagraph (D) includes a graduate program in behavioral or mental health.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDS.—In making awards to eligible entities under subsection (a)(1), the

1 Secretary shall give preference to approved applications
2 for programs that involve a comprehensive approach by
3 several public or nonprofit private health or educational
4 entities to establish, enhance and expand educational pro-
5 grams that will result in the development of a competitive
6 applicant pool of individuals from disadvantaged back-
7 grounds who desire to pursue health professions careers.
8 In considering awards for such a comprehensive partner-
9 ship approach, the following shall apply with respect to
10 the entity involved:

11 “(1) The entity shall have a demonstrated com-
12 mitment to such approach through formal agree-
13 ments that have common objectives with institutions
14 of higher education, school districts, and other com-
15 munity-based entities.

16 “(2) Such formal agreements shall reflect the
17 coordination of educational activities and support
18 services, increased linkages, and the consolidation of
19 resources within a specific geographic area.

20 “(3) The design of the educational activities in-
21 volved shall provide for the establishment of a com-
22 petitive health professions applicant pool of individ-
23 uals from disadvantaged backgrounds by enhancing
24 the total preparation (academic and social) of such
25 individuals to pursue a health professions career.

1 “(4) The programs or activities under the
 2 award shall focus on developing a culturally com-
 3 petent health care workforce that will serve the
 4 unserved and underserved populations within the ge-
 5 ographic area.

6 “(c) ~~EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL AS-~~
 7 ~~SISTANCE.~~—The Secretary, to the extent practicable, shall
 8 ensure that services and activities under subsection (a) are
 9 adequately allocated among the various racial and ethnic
 10 populations who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

11 “(d) ~~MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.~~—The Secretary
 12 may require that an entity that applies for a grant or con-
 13 tract under subsection (a), provide non-Federal matching
 14 funds, as appropriate, to ensure the institutional commit-
 15 ment of the entity to the projects funded under the grant
 16 or contract. As determined by the Secretary, such non-
 17 Federal matching funds may be provided directly or
 18 through donations from public or private entities and may
 19 be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, including plant,
 20 equipment, or services.

21 **“SEC. 740. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

22 “(a) ~~SCHOLARSHIPS.~~—There are authorized to be ap-
 23 propriated to carry out section 737, \$37,000,000 for fiscal
 24 year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary for each
 25 of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002. Of the amount ap-

1 appropriated in any fiscal year, the Secretary shall ensure
 2 that not less than 16 percent shall be distributed to
 3 schools of nursing.

4 “(b) LOAN REPAYMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS.—For
 5 the purpose of carrying out section 738, there is author-
 6 ized to be appropriated \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 1998,
 7 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
 8 years 1999 through 2002.

9 “(c) UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANCE.—For the pur-
 10 pose of grants and contracts under section 739(a)(1),
 11 there is authorized to be appropriated \$29,400,000 for fis-
 12 cal year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary for
 13 each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002. The Secretary
 14 may use not to exceed 20 percent of the amount appro-
 15 priated for a fiscal year under this subsection to provide
 16 scholarships under section 739(a)(2)(F).

17 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the
 18 date of enactment of this part, the Secretary shall prepare
 19 and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a
 20 report concerning the efforts of the Secretary to address
 21 the need for a representative mix of individuals from his-
 22 torically minority health professions schools, or from insti-
 23 tutions or other entities that historically or by geographic
 24 location have a demonstrated record of training or educat-

1 ing underrepresented minorities, within various health
 2 professions disciplines, on peer review councils.”.

3 ~~(b) REPEAL.—~~

4 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~Section 795 of the Public
 5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295n) is repealed.

6 ~~(2) NONTERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—~~The
 7 amendments made by this section shall not be con-
 8 strued to terminate agreements that, on the day be-
 9 fore the date of enactment of this Act, are in effect
 10 pursuant to section 795 of the Public Health Service
 11 Act (42 U.S.C. 795) as such section existed on such
 12 date. Such agreements shall continue in effect in ac-
 13 cordance with the terms of the agreements. With re-
 14 spect to compliance with such agreements, any pe-
 15 riod of practice as a provider of primary health serv-
 16 ices shall be counted towards the satisfaction of the
 17 requirement of practice pursuant to such section
 18 795.

19 ~~(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—~~Section
 20 481A(c)(3)(D)(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 21 U.S.C. 287a–2(c)(3)(D)(i)) is amended by striking “sec-
 22 tion 739” and inserting “part B of title VII”.

1 **SEC. 102. TRAINING IN PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE AND DEN-**
 2 **TISTRY.**

3 Part C of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
 4 (42 U.S.C. 293 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in the part heading by striking “**PRI-**
 6 **MARY HEALTH CARE**” and inserting “**FAM-**
 7 **ILY MEDICINE, GENERAL INTERNAL**
 8 **MEDICINE, GENERAL PEDIATRICS,**
 9 **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, GENERAL**
 10 **DENTISTRY, AND PEDIATRIC DEN-**
 11 **TISTRY**”;

12 (2) by repealing section 746 (42 U.S.C. 293j);

13 (3) in section 747 (42 U.S.C. 293k)—

14 (A) by striking the section heading and in-
 15 serting the following:

16 “**SEC. 747. FAMILY MEDICINE, GENERAL INTERNAL MEDI-**
 17 **CINE, GENERAL PEDIATRICS, GENERAL DEN-**
 18 **TISTRY, PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, AND PHYSI-**
 19 **CIAN ASSISTANTS.**”;

20 (B) in subsection (a)—

21 (i) in paragraph (1)—

22 (I) by inserting “, internal medi-
 23 cine, or pediatrics” after “family med-
 24 icine”; and

25 (II) by inserting before the semi-
 26 colon the following: “that emphasizes

1 training for the practice of family
 2 medicine, general internal medicine,
 3 or general pediatrics (as defined by
 4 the Secretary)’’;

5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting ‘‘
 6 general internal medicine, or general pedi-
 7 atries’’ before the semicolon;

8 (iii) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by in-
 9 serting ‘‘, general internal medicine or gen-
 10 eral pediatrics’’ after ‘‘family medicine’’;

11 (iv) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by in-
 12 serting ‘‘(including geriatrics) after ‘‘fam-
 13 ily medicine’’;

14 (v) in paragraph (3), by striking
 15 ‘‘and’’ at the end thereof;

16 (vi) in paragraph (4), by striking the
 17 period and inserting a semicolon; and

18 (vii) by adding at the end thereof the
 19 following new paragraphs:

20 ‘‘(5) to meet the costs of projects to plan, de-
 21 velop, and operate or maintain programs for the
 22 training of physician assistants (as defined in sec-
 23 tion 799B), and for the training of individuals who
 24 will teach in programs to provide such training; and

1 “(6) to meet the costs of planning, developing,
2 or operating programs, and to provide financial as-
3 sistance to residents in such programs, of general
4 dentistry or pediatric dentistry.

5 For purposes of paragraph (6), entities eligible for such
6 grants or contracts shall include entities that have pro-
7 grams in dental schools, approved residency programs in
8 the general or pediatric practice of dentistry, approved ad-
9 vanced education programs in the general or pediatric
10 practice of dentistry, or approved residency programs in
11 pediatric dentistry.”;

12 (C) in subsection (b)—

13 (i) in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A), by
14 inserting “, general internal medicine, or
15 general pediatrics” after “family medi-
16 cine”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

18 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
19 ing “or” at the end; and

20 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
21 striking the period and inserting “;
22 or”; and

23 (iii) by adding at the end the follow-
24 ing:

1 ~~“(3) PRIORITY IN MAKING AWARDS.—~~In mak-
 2 ing awards of grants and contracts under paragraph
 3 ~~(1),~~ the Secretary shall give priority to any qualified
 4 applicant for such an award that proposes a collabo-
 5 rative project between departments of primary
 6 care.”;

7 ~~(D)~~ by redesignating subsections ~~(c)~~ and
 8 ~~(d)~~ as subsections ~~(d)~~ and ~~(e)~~, respectively;

9 ~~(E)~~ by inserting after subsection ~~(b)~~, the
 10 following new subsection:

11 ~~“(c) PRIORITY.—~~

12 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—~~With respect to programs
 13 for the training of interns or residents, the Secretary
 14 shall give priority in awarding grants under this sec-
 15 tion to qualified applicants that have a record of
 16 training the greatest percentage of providers, or that
 17 have demonstrated significant improvements in the
 18 percentage of providers, which enter and remain in
 19 primary care practice or general or pediatric den-
 20 tistry.

21 ~~“(2) DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.—~~With re-
 22 spect to programs for the training of interns, resi-
 23 dents, or physician assistants, the Secretary shall
 24 give priority in awarding grants under this section
 25 to qualified applicants that have a record of training

1 individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds
 2 (including racial and ethnic minorities underrep-
 3 resented among primary care practice or general or
 4 pediatric dentistry).

5 “(3) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding
 6 grants under this section the Secretary shall give
 7 special consideration to projects which prepare prac-
 8 titioners to care for underserved populations and
 9 other high risk groups such as the elderly, individ-
 10 uals with HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, homeless,
 11 and victims of domestic violence.”; and

12 (F) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated
 13 by subparagraph (D))—

14 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
 15 “\$54,000,000” and all that follows and in-
 16 serting “\$78,300,000 for fiscal year 1998,
 17 and such sums as may be necessary for
 18 each of the fiscal years 1999 through
 19 2002.”; and

20 (ii) by striking paragraph (2) and in-
 21 serting the following:

22 “(2) ALLOCATION.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts ap-
 24 propriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
 25 year, the Secretary shall make available—

1 “(i) not less than \$49,300,000 for
2 awards of grants and contracts under sub-
3 section (a) to programs of family medicine;
4 of which not less than \$8,600,000 shall be
5 made available for awards of grants and
6 contracts under subsection (b) for family
7 medicine academic administrative units;

8 “(ii) not less than \$17,700,000 for
9 awards of grants and contracts under sub-
10 section (a) to programs of general internal
11 medicine and general pediatrics;

12 “(iii) not less than \$6,800,000 for
13 awards of grants and contracts under sub-
14 section (a) to programs relating to physi-
15 cian assistants; and

16 “(iv) not less than \$4,500,000 for
17 awards of grants and contracts under sub-
18 section (a) to programs of general or pedi-
19 atric dentistry.

20 “(B) RATABLE REDUCTION.—If amounts
21 appropriated under paragraph (1) for any fiscal
22 year are less than the amount required to com-
23 ply with subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall
24 ratably reduce the amount to be made available

1 under each of clauses (i) through (iv) of such
 2 subparagraph accordingly.”; and

3 (4) by repealing sections 748 through 752 (42
 4 U.S.C. 2931 through 293p) and inserting the follow-
 5 ing:

6 **“SEC. 748. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN PRI-**
 7 **MARY CARE MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
 9 lish an advisory committee to be known as the Advisory
 10 Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and
 11 Dentistry (in this section referred to as the ‘Advisory
 12 Committee’).

13 “(b) COMPOSITION.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall deter-
 15 mine the appropriate number of individuals to serve
 16 on the Advisory Committee. Such individuals shall
 17 not be officers or employees of the Federal Govern-
 18 ment.

19 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 90 days
 20 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 21 retary shall appoint the members of the Advisory
 22 Committee from among individuals who are health
 23 professionals. In making such appointments, the
 24 Secretary shall ensure a fair balance between the
 25 health professions, that at least 75 percent of the

1 members of the Advisory Committee are health pro-
 2 fessionals; a broad geographic representation of
 3 members and a balance between urban and rural
 4 members. Members shall be appointed based on their
 5 competence, interest, and knowledge of the mission
 6 of the profession involved.

7 “(3) MINORITY REPRESENTATION.—In appoint-
 8 ing the members of the Advisory Committee under
 9 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure the ade-
 10 quate representation of women and minorities.

11 “(c) TERMS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Advisory
 13 Committee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years;
 14 except that of the members first appointed—

15 “(A) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such members shall serve for a
 16 term of 1 year;

17 “(B) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such members shall serve for a
 18 term of 2 years; and

19 “(C) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such members shall serve for a
 20 term of 3 years.

21 “(2) VACANCIES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A vacancy on the Ad-
 23 visory Committee shall be filled in the manner
 24 in which the original appointment was made

1 and shall be subject to any conditions which ap-
 2 plied with respect to the original appointment.

3 ~~“(B) FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM.—An in-~~
 4 ~~dividual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be ap-~~
 5 ~~pointed for the unexpired term of the member~~
 6 ~~replaced.~~

7 ~~“(d) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall—~~

8 ~~“(1) provide advice and recommendations to the~~
 9 ~~Secretary concerning policy and program develop-~~
 10 ~~ment and other matters of significance concerning~~
 11 ~~the activities under section 747; and~~

12 ~~“(2) not later than 3 years after the date of en-~~
 13 ~~actment of this section, and annually thereafter, pre-~~
 14 ~~pare and submit to the Secretary, and the Commit-~~
 15 ~~tee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate,~~
 16 ~~and the Committee on Commerce of the House of~~
 17 ~~Representatives, a report describing the activities of~~
 18 ~~the Committee, including findings and recommenda-~~
 19 ~~tions made by the Committee concerning the activi-~~
 20 ~~ties under section 747.~~

21 ~~“(e) MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS.—~~

22 ~~“(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee~~
 23 ~~shall meet not less than 2 times each year. Such~~
 24 ~~meetings shall be held jointly with other related enti-~~
 25 ~~ties established under this title where appropriate.~~

1 “(2) DOCUMENTS.—Not later than 14 days
 2 prior to the convening of a meeting under paragraph
 3 (1), the Advisory Committee shall prepare and make
 4 available an agenda of the matters to be considered
 5 by the Advisory Committee at such meeting. At any
 6 such meeting, the Advisory Council shall distribute
 7 materials with respect to the issues to be addressed
 8 at the meeting. Not later than 30 days after the ad-
 9 journing of such a meeting, the Advisory Committee
 10 shall prepare and make available a summary of the
 11 meeting and any actions taken by the Committee
 12 based upon the meeting.

13 “(f) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—

14 “(1) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the
 15 Advisory Committee shall be compensated at a rate
 16 equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
 17 basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive
 18 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
 19 States Code, for each day (including travel time)
 20 during which such member is engaged in the per-
 21 formance of the duties of the Committee.

22 “(2) EXPENSES.—The members of the Advisory
 23 Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-
 24 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates author-
 25 ized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of

1 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while
 2 away from their homes or regular places of business
 3 in the performance of services for the Committee.

4 “(g) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act
 5 shall apply to the Advisory Committee under this section
 6 only to the extent that the provisions of such Act do not
 7 conflict with the requirements of this section.”.

8 **SEC. 103. INTERDISCIPLINARY, COMMUNITY-BASED LINK-**
 9 **AGES.**

10 Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
 11 (42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

12 **“PART D—INTERDISCIPLINARY, COMMUNITY-**
 13 **BASED LINKAGES**

14 **“SEC. 750. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

15 “(a) COLLABORATION.—To be eligible to receive as-
 16 sistance under this part, an academic institution shall use
 17 such assistance in collaboration with 2 or more disciplines.

18 “(b) ACTIVITIES.—An entity shall use assistance
 19 under this part to carry out innovative demonstration
 20 projects for strategic workforce supplementation activities
 21 as needed to meet national goals for interdisciplinary,
 22 community-based linkages. Such assistance may be used
 23 consistent with this part—

24 “(1) to develop and support training programs;

25 “(2) for faculty development;

- 1 “(3) for model demonstration programs;
 2 “(4) for the provision of stipends for fellowship
 3 trainees;
 4 “(5) to provide technical assistance; and
 5 “(6) for other activities that will produce out-
 6 comes consistent with the purposes of this part.

7 **“SEC. 751. AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS.**

8 “(a) AUTHORITY FOR PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AS-
 9 SISTANCE.—

10 “(1) ASSISTANCE FOR PLANNING, DEVELOP-
 11 MENT, AND OPERATION OF PROGRAMS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
 13 award grants to and enter into contracts with
 14 schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine,
 15 and incorporated consortia made up of such
 16 schools, or the parent institutions of such
 17 schools, for projects for the planning, develop-
 18 ment and operation of area health education
 19 center programs that—

20 “(i) improve the recruitment, distribu-
 21 tion, supply, quality and efficiency of per-
 22 sonnel providing health services in under-
 23 served rural and urban areas and person-
 24 nel providing health services to populations

1 having demonstrated serious unmet health
2 care needs;

3 “(ii) increase the number of primary
4 care physicians and other primary care
5 providers who provide services in under-
6 served areas through the offering of an
7 educational continuum of health career re-
8 cruitment through clinical education con-
9 cerning underserved areas in a comprehen-
10 sive health workforce strategy;

11 “(iii) carry out recruitment and health
12 career awareness programs to recruit indi-
13 viduals from underserved areas and under-
14 represented populations, including minority
15 and other elementary or secondary stu-
16 dents, into the health professions;

17 “(iv) prepare individuals to more ef-
18 fectively provide health services to under-
19 served areas or underserved populations
20 through field placements, preceptorships,
21 the conduct of or support of community-
22 based primary care residency programs,
23 and agreements with community-based or-
24 ganizations such as community health cen-
25 ters, migrant health centers, Indian health

1 centers, public health departments and
2 others;

3 “(v) conduct health professions edu-
4 cation and training activities for students
5 of health professions schools and medical
6 residents;

7 “(vi) conduct at least 10 percent of
8 medical student required clinical education
9 at sites remote to the primary teaching fa-
10 cility of the contracting institution; and

11 “(vii) provide information dissemina-
12 tion and educational support to reduce pro-
13 fessional isolation, increase retention,
14 enhance the practice environment, and im-
15 prove health care through the timely dis-
16 semination of research findings using rel-
17 evant resources.

18 “(B) OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—With
19 respect to a State in which no area health edu-
20 cation center program is in operation, the Sec-
21 retary may award a grant or contract under
22 subparagraph (A) to a school of nursing.

23 “(C) PROJECT TERMS.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
25 vided in clause (ii), the period during

1 which payments may be made under an
 2 award under subparagraph (A) may not
 3 exceed—

4 “(I) in the case of a project, 12
 5 years or

6 “(II) in the case of a center with-
 7 in a project, 6 years.

8 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The periods de-
 9 scribed in clause (i) shall not apply to
 10 projects that have completed the initial pe-
 11 riod of Federal funding under this section
 12 and that desire to compete for model
 13 awards under paragraph (2)(A).

14 “(2) ASSISTANCE FOR OPERATION OF MODEL
 15 PROGRAMS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any en-
 17 tity described in paragraph (1)(A) that—

18 “(i) has previously received funds
 19 under this section;

20 “(ii) is operating an area health edu-
 21 cation center program; and

22 “(iii) is no longer receiving financial
 23 assistance under paragraph (1);

24 the Secretary may provide financial assistance
 25 to such entity to pay the costs of operating and

1 carrying out the requirements of the program
 2 as described in paragraph (1).

3 ~~“(B) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—With re-~~
 4 ~~spect to the costs of operating a model program~~
 5 ~~under subparagraph (A), an entity, to be eligi-~~
 6 ~~ble for financial assistance under subparagraph~~
 7 ~~(A), shall make available (directly or through~~
 8 ~~contributions from State, county or municipal~~
 9 ~~governments, or the private sector) recurring~~
 10 ~~non-Federal contributions in cash toward such~~
 11 ~~costs in an amount that is equal to not less~~
 12 ~~than 50 percent of such costs.~~

13 ~~“(C) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount~~
 14 ~~of awards provided under subparagraph (A) to~~
 15 ~~entities in a State for a fiscal year may not ex-~~
 16 ~~ceed the lesser of—~~

17 ~~“(i) \$2,000,000; or~~

18 ~~“(ii) an amount equal to the product~~
 19 ~~of \$250,000 and the aggregate number of~~
 20 ~~area health education centers operated in~~
 21 ~~the State by such entities.~~

22 ~~“(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTERS.—~~

23 ~~“(1) GENERAL REQUIREMENT.—Each area~~
 24 ~~health education center that receives funds under~~
 25 ~~this section shall encourage the regionalization of~~

1 health professions schools through the establishment
 2 of partnerships with community-based organizations.

3 “(2) SERVICE AREA.—Each area health edu-
 4 cation center that receives funds under this section
 5 shall specifically designate a geographic area or
 6 medically underserved population to be served by the
 7 center. Such area or population shall be in a location
 8 removed from the main location of the teaching fa-
 9 cilities of the schools participating in the program
 10 with such center.

11 “(3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Each area
 12 health education center that receives funds under
 13 this section shall—

14 “(A) assess the health personnel needs of
 15 the area to be served by the center and assist
 16 in the planning and development of training
 17 programs to meet such needs;

18 “(B) arrange and support rotations for
 19 students and residents in family medicine, gen-
 20 eral internal medicine or general pediatrics,
 21 with at least one center in each program being
 22 affiliated with or conducting a rotating osteo-
 23 pathic internship or medical residency training
 24 program in family medicine (including geri-
 25 atries), general internal medicine (including

geriatrics), or general pediatrics in which no fewer than 4 individuals are enrolled in first-year positions;

“(C) conduct and participate in interdisciplinary training that involves physicians and other health personnel including, where practicable, public health professionals, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and behavioral and mental health providers; and

“(D) have an advisory board, at least 75 percent of the members of which shall be individuals, including both health service providers and consumers, from the area served by the center.

“(c) CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING FUNDING.—

“(1) ALLOCATION TO CENTER.—Not less than 75 percent of the total amount of Federal funds provided to an entity under this section shall be allocated by an area health education center program to the area health education center. Such entity shall enter into an agreement with each center for purposes of specifying the allocation of such 75 percent of funds.

1 “(2) OPERATING COSTS.—With respect to the
 2 operating costs of the area health education center
 3 program of an entity receiving funds under this sec-
 4 tion, the entity shall make available (directly or
 5 through contributions from State, county or municip-
 6 pal governments, or the private sector) non-Federal
 7 contributions in cash toward such costs in an
 8 amount that is equal to not less than 50 percent of
 9 such costs, except that the Secretary may grant a
 10 waiver for up to 75 percent of the amount of the
 11 required non-Federal match in the first 3 years in
 12 which an entity receives funds under this section.

13 **“SEC. 752. HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTERS.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for funds under
 15 this section, an health education training center shall be
 16 an entity otherwise eligible for funds under section 751
 17 that—

18 “(1) addresses the persistent and severe unmet
 19 health care needs in States along the border between
 20 the United States and Mexico and in the State of
 21 Florida, and in other urban and rural areas with
 22 populations with serious unmet health care needs;

23 “(2) establishes an advisory board comprised of
 24 health service providers, educators and consumers
 25 from the service area;

1 ~~“(3) conducts training and education programs~~
 2 ~~for health professions students in these areas;~~

3 ~~“(4) conducts training in health education serv-~~
 4 ~~ices, including training to prepare community health~~
 5 ~~workers; and~~

6 ~~“(5) supports health professionals (including~~
 7 ~~nursing) practicing in the area through educational~~
 8 ~~and other services.~~

9 ~~“(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall~~
 10 ~~make available 50 percent of the amounts appropriated~~
 11 ~~for each fiscal year under section 752 for the establish-~~
 12 ~~ment or operation of health education training centers~~
 13 ~~through projects in States along the border between the~~
 14 ~~United States and Mexico and in the State of Florida.~~

15 ~~**“SEC. 753. EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATING TO GERI-**~~
 16 ~~**ATRICS.**~~

17 ~~“(a) GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTERS.—~~

18 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award~~
 19 ~~grants or contracts under this section to entities de-~~
 20 ~~scribed in paragraphs (1), (3), or (4) of section~~
 21 ~~799B, and section 853(2), for the establishment or~~
 22 ~~operation of geriatric education centers.~~

23 ~~“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—A geriatric education~~
 24 ~~center is a program that—~~

1 “(A) improves the training of health pro-
 2 fessionals in geriatrics, including geriatric
 3 residencies, traineeships, or fellowships;

4 “(B) develops and disseminates curricula
 5 relating to the treatment of the health problems
 6 of elderly individuals;

7 “(C) supports the training and retraining
 8 of faculty to provide instruction in geriatrics;

9 “(D) supports continuing education of
 10 health professionals who provide geriatric care;
 11 and

12 “(E) provides students with clinical train-
 13 ing in geriatrics in nursing homes, chronic and
 14 acute disease hospitals, ambulatory care cen-
 15 ters, and senior centers.

16 “(b) GERIATRIC TRAINING REGARDING PHYSICIANS
 17 AND DENTISTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
 19 grants to, and enter into contracts with, schools of
 20 medicine, schools of osteopathic medicine, teaching
 21 hospitals, and graduate medical education programs;
 22 for the purpose of providing support (including
 23 residencies, traineeships, and fellowships) for geri-
 24 atric training projects to train physicians, dentists
 25 and behavioral and mental health professionals who

1 plan to teach geriatric medicine, geriatric behavioral
2 or mental health, or geriatric dentistry.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each project for which
4 a grant or contract is made under this subsection
5 shall—

6 “(A) be staffed by full-time teaching physi-
7 cians who have experience or training in geri-
8 atric medicine or geriatric behavioral or mental
9 health;

10 “(B) be staffed, or enter into an agree-
11 ment with an institution staffed by full-time or
12 part-time teaching dentists who have experience
13 or training in geriatric dentistry;

14 “(C) be staffed, or enter into an agreement
15 with an institution staffed by full-time or part-
16 time teaching behavioral mental health profes-
17 sionals who have experience or training in geri-
18 atric behavioral or mental health;

19 “(D) be based in a graduate medical edu-
20 cation program in internal medicine or family
21 medicine or in a department of geriatrics or be-
22 havioral or mental health;

23 “(E) provide training in geriatrics and ex-
24 posure to the physical and mental disabilities of
25 elderly individuals through a variety of service

rotations, such as geriatric consultation services, acute care services, dental services, geriatric behavioral or mental health units, day and home care programs, rehabilitation services, extended care facilities, geriatric ambulatory care and comprehensive evaluation units, and community care programs for elderly mentally retarded individuals; and

“(F) provide training in geriatrics through one or both of the training options described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (3).

“(3) TRAINING OPTIONS.—The training options referred to in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (2) shall be as follows:

“(A) A 1-year retraining program in geriatrics for—

“(i) physicians who are faculty members in departments of internal medicine, family medicine, gynecology, geriatrics, and behavioral or mental health at schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine;

“(ii) dentists who are faculty members at schools of dentistry or at hospital departments of dentistry; and

1 “(iii) behavioral or mental health pro-
2 fessionals who are faculty members in de-
3 partments of behavioral or mental health;
4 and

5 “(B) A 2-year internal medicine or family
6 medicine fellowship program providing emphasis
7 in geriatrics, which shall be designed to provide
8 training in clinical geriatrics and geriatrics re-
9 search for—

10 “(i) physicians who have completed
11 graduate medical education programs in
12 internal medicine, family medicine, behav-
13 ioral or mental health, neurology, gynec-
14 ology, or rehabilitation medicine;

15 “(ii) dentists who have demonstrated
16 a commitment to an academic career and
17 who have completed postdoctoral dental
18 training, including postdoctoral dental edu-
19 cation programs or who have relevant ad-
20 vanced training or experience; and

21 “(iii) behavioral or mental health pro-
22 fessionals who have completed graduate
23 medical education programs in behavioral
24 or mental health.

1 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
2 section:

3 “(A) The term ‘graduate medical education
4 program’ means a program sponsored by a
5 school of medicine, a school of osteopathic med-
6 icine, a hospital, or a public or private institu-
7 tion that—

8 “(i) offers postgraduate medical train-
9 ing in the specialties and subspecialties of
10 medicine; and

11 “(ii) has been accredited by the Ae-
12 creditation Council for Graduate Medical
13 Education or the American Osteopathic
14 Association through its Committee on
15 Postdoctoral Training.

16 “(B) The term ‘post-doctoral dental edu-
17 cation program’ means a program sponsored by
18 a school of dentistry, a hospital, or a public or
19 private institution that—

20 “(i) offers post-doctoral training in
21 the specialties of dentistry, advanced edu-
22 cation in general dentistry, or a dental
23 general practice residency; and

24 “(ii) has been accredited by the Com-
25 mission on Dental Accreditation.

1 “(c) GERIATRIC FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS.—

2 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Sec-
3 retary shall establish a program to provide Geriatric
4 Academic Career Awards to eligible individuals to
5 promote the career development of such individuals
6 as academic geriatricians.

7 “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—To be eligible to
8 receive an Award under paragraph (1), an individual
9 shall—

10 “(A) have a degree in internal medicine;
11 family practice; or behavioral or mental health
12 science;

13 “(B) have completed an approved fellow-
14 ship program in geriatrics; and

15 “(C) have a junior faculty appointment at
16 an accredited (as determined by the Secretary)
17 school of medicine or osteopathic medicine.

18 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—No Award under para-
19 graph (1) may be made to an eligible individual un-
20 less the individual—

21 “(A) has submitted to the Secretary an ap-
22 plication, at such time, in such manner, and
23 containing such information as the Secretary
24 may require; and the Secretary has approved
25 such application; and

1 “(B) provides, in such form and manner as
 2 the Secretary may require, assurances that the
 3 individual will meet the service requirement de-
 4 scribed in subsection (c).

5 “(4) AMOUNT AND TERM.—

6 “(A) AMOUNT.—The amount of an Award
 7 under this section shall equal \$50,000 for fiscal
 8 year 1998, adjusted for subsequent fiscal years
 9 to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price
 10 Index.

11 “(B) TERM.—The term of any Award
 12 made under this subsection shall not exceed 5
 13 years.

14 “(5) SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—An individual
 15 who receives an Award under this subsection shall
 16 provide training in clinical geriatrics, including the
 17 training of interdisciplinary teams of health care
 18 professionals. The provision of such training shall
 19 constitute at least 75 percent of the obligations of
 20 such individual under the Award.

21 **“SEC. 754. RURAL INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAINING GRANTS.**

22 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make grants or
 23 contracts under this section to help entities fund author-
 24 ized activities under an application approved under sub-
 25 section (c).

1 “(b) USE OF AMOUNTS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts provided under
3 subsection (a) shall be used by the recipients to fund
4 interdisciplinary training projects designed to—

5 “(A) use new and innovative methods to
6 train health care practitioners to provide serv-
7 ices in rural areas;

8 “(B) demonstrate and evaluate innovative
9 interdisciplinary methods and models designed
10 to provide access to cost-effective comprehensive
11 health care;

12 “(C) deliver health care services to individ-
13 uals residing in rural areas;

14 “(D) enhance the amount of relevant re-
15 search conducted concerning health care issues
16 in rural areas; and

17 “(E) increase the recruitment and reten-
18 tion of health care practitioners from rural
19 areas and make rural practice a more attractive
20 career choice for health care practitioners.

21 “(2) METHODS.—A recipient of funds under
22 subsection (a) may use various methods in carrying
23 out the projects described in paragraph (1), includ-
24 ing—

1 “(A) the distribution of stipends to stu-
2 dents of eligible applicants;

3 “(B) the establishment of a post-doctoral
4 fellowship program;

5 “(C) the training of faculty in the eco-
6 nomic and logistical problems confronting rural
7 health care delivery systems; or

8 “(D) the purchase or rental of transpor-
9 tation and telecommunication equipment where
10 the need for such equipment due to unique
11 characteristics of the rural area is demonstrated
12 by the recipient.

13 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An applicant shall not
15 use more than 10 percent of the funds made
16 available to such applicant under subsection (a)
17 for administrative expenses.

18 “(B) TRAINING.—Not more than 10 per-
19 cent of the individuals receiving training with
20 funds made available to an applicant under sub-
21 section (a) shall be trained as doctors of medi-
22 cine or doctors of osteopathy.

23 “(C) LIMITATION.—An institution that re-
24 ceives a grant under this section shall use
25 amounts received under such grant to supple-

1 ment, not supplant, amounts made available by
 2 such institution for activities of the type de-
 3 scribed in subsection (b)(1) in the fiscal year
 4 preceding the year for which the grant is re-
 5 ceived.

6 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—Applications submitted for as-
 7 sistance under this section shall—

8 “(1) be jointly submitted by at least two eligible
 9 applicants with the express purpose of assisting indi-
 10 viduals in academic institutions in establishing long-
 11 term collaborative relationships with health care pro-
 12 viders in rural areas; and

13 “(2) designate a rural health care agency or
 14 agencies for clinical treatment or training, including
 15 hospitals, community health centers, migrant health
 16 centers, rural health clinics, community behavioral
 17 and mental health centers, long-term care facilities,
 18 Native Hawaiian health centers, or facilities oper-
 19 ated by the Indian Health Service or an Indian tribe
 20 or tribal organization or Indian organization under
 21 a contract with the Indian Health Service under the
 22 Indian Self-Determination Act.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
 24 the term ‘rural’ means geographic areas that are located
 25 outside of standard metropolitan statistical areas.

1 **“SEC. 755. ALLIED HEALTH AND OTHER DISCIPLINES.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
3 or contracts under this section to help entities fund activi-
4 ties of the type described in subsection (b).

5 “(b) ACTIVITIES.—Activities of the type described in
6 this subsection include the following:

7 “(1) Assisting entities in meeting the costs as-
8 sociated with expanding or establishing programs
9 that will increase the number of individuals trained
10 in allied health professions. Programs and activities
11 funded under this paragraph may include—

12 “(A) those that expand enrollments in al-
13 lied health professions with the greatest short-
14 ages or whose services are most needed by the
15 elderly;

16 “(B) those that provide rapid transition
17 training programs in allied health fields to indi-
18 viduals who have baccalaureate degrees in
19 health-related sciences;

20 “(C) those that establish community-based
21 allied health training programs that link aca-
22 demic centers to rural clinical settings;

23 “(D) those that provide career advance-
24 ment training for practicing allied health pro-
25 fessionals;

1 “(E) those that expand or establish clinical
 2 training sites for allied health professionals in
 3 medically underserved or rural communities in
 4 order to increase the number of individuals
 5 trained;

6 “(F) those that develop curriculum that
 7 will emphasize knowledge and practice in the
 8 areas of prevention and health promotion, geri-
 9 atrics, long-term care, home health and hospice
 10 care, and ethics;

11 “(G) those that expand or establish inter-
 12 disciplinary training programs that promote the
 13 effectiveness of allied health practitioners in
 14 geriatric assessment and the rehabilitation of
 15 the elderly;

16 “(H) those that expand or establish dem-
 17 onstration centers to emphasize innovative mod-
 18 els to link allied health clinical practice, edu-
 19 cation, and research;

20 “(I) those that provide financial assistance
 21 (in the form of traineeships) to students who
 22 are participants in any such program; and

23 “(i) who plan to pursue a career in an
 24 allied health field that has a demonstrated
 25 personnel shortage; and

1 “(ii) who agree upon completion of
2 the training program to practice in a medi-
3 cally underserved community;
4 that shall be utilized to assist in the payment
5 of all or part of the costs associated with tui-
6 tion, fees and such other stipends as the Sec-
7 retary may consider necessary; and

8 “(J) those to meet the costs of projects to
9 plan, develop, and operate or maintain graduate
10 programs in behavioral and mental health prac-
11 tice.

12 “(2) Planning and implementing projects in
13 preventive and primary care training for podiatric
14 physicians in approved or provisionally approved
15 residency programs that shall provide financial as-
16 sistance in the form of traineeships to residents who
17 participate in such projects and who plan to special-
18 ize in primary care.

19 “(3) Carrying out demonstration projects in
20 which chiropractors and physicians collaborate to
21 identify and provide effective treatment for spinal
22 and lower-back conditions.

1 **“SEC. 756. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY,**
 2 **COMMUNITY-BASED LINKAGES.**

3 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall estab-
 4 lish an advisory committee to be known as the Advisory
 5 Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Link-
 6 ages (in this section referred to as the ‘Advisory Commit-
 7 tee’).

8 “(b) **COMPOSITION.**—

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall deter-
 10 mine the appropriate number of individuals to serve
 11 on the Advisory Committee. Such individuals shall
 12 not be officers or employees of the Federal Govern-
 13 ment.

14 “(2) **APPOINTMENT.**—Not later than 90 days
 15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 16 retary shall appoint the members of the Advisory
 17 Committee from among individuals who are health
 18 professionals from schools of the types described in
 19 sections 751(a)(1)(A), 751(a)(1)(B), 753(b),
 20 754(3)(A), and 755(b). In making such appoint-
 21 ments, the Secretary shall ensure a fair balance be-
 22 tween the health professions, that at least 75 per-
 23 cent of the members of the Advisory Committee are
 24 health professionals, a broad geographic representa-
 25 tion of members and a balance between urban and
 26 rural members. Members shall be appointed based

on their competence, interest, and knowledge of the mission of the profession involved.

~~“(3) MINORITY REPRESENTATION.—~~In appointing the members of the Advisory Committee under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure the adequate representation of women and minorities.

~~“(c) TERMS.—~~

~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—~~A member of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, except that of the members first appointed—

~~“(A) $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members shall serve for a term of 1 year;~~

~~“(B) $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members shall serve for a term of 2 years; and~~

~~“(C) $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members shall serve for a term of 3 years.~~

~~“(2) VACANCIES.—~~

~~“(A) IN GENERAL.—~~A vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made and shall be subject to any conditions which applied with respect to the original appointment.

~~“(B) FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM.—~~An individual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be ap-

1 pointed for the unexpired term of the member
2 replaced.

3 “(d) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall—

4 “(1) provide advice and recommendations to the
5 Secretary concerning policy and program develop-
6 ment and other matters of significance concerning
7 the activities under this part; and

8 “(2) not later than 3 years after the date of en-
9 actment of this section, and annually thereafter, pre-
10 pare and submit to the Secretary, and the Commit-
11 tee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate,
12 and the Committee on Commerce of the House of
13 Representatives, a report describing the activities of
14 the Committee, including findings and recommenda-
15 tions made by the Committee concerning the activi-
16 ties under this part.

17 “(e) MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS.—

18 “(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee
19 shall meet not less than 3 times each year. Such
20 meetings shall be held jointly with other related enti-
21 ties established under this title where appropriate.

22 “(2) DOCUMENTS.—Not later than 14 days
23 prior to the convening of a meeting under paragraph
24 (1), the Advisory Committee shall prepare and make
25 available an agenda of the matters to be considered

1 by the Advisory Committee at such meeting. At any
2 such meeting, the Advisory Council shall distribute
3 materials with respect to the issues to be addressed
4 at the meeting. Not later than 30 days after the ad-
5 journing of such a meeting, the Advisory Committee
6 shall prepare and make available a summary of the
7 meeting and any actions taken by the Committee
8 based upon the meeting.

9 ~~“(f) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—~~

10 ~~“(1) COMPENSATION.—~~Each member of the
11 Advisory Committee shall be compensated at a rate
12 equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
13 basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive
14 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
15 States Code, for each day (including travel time)
16 during which such member is engaged in the per-
17 formance of the duties of the Committee.

18 ~~“(2) EXPENSES.—~~The members of the Advisory
19 Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-
20 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates author-
21 ized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of
22 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while
23 away from their homes or regular places of business
24 in the performance of services for the Committee.

1 “(g) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act
 2 shall apply to the Advisory Committee under this section
 3 only to the extent that the provisions of such Act do not
 4 conflict with the requirements of this section.

5 **“SEC. 757. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
 7 propriated to carry out this part, \$55,600,000 for fiscal
 8 year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary for each
 9 of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.

10 “(b) ALLOCATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appro-
 12 priated under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the
 13 Secretary shall make available—

14 “(A) not less than \$28,587,000 for awards
 15 of grants and contracts under section 751;

16 “(B) not less than \$3,765,000 for awards
 17 of grants and contracts under section 752, of
 18 which not less than 50 percent of such amount
 19 shall be made available for centers described in
 20 subsection (a)(1) of such section; and

21 “(C) not less than \$22,631,000 for awards
 22 of grants and contracts under sections 753,
 23 754, and 755.

24 “(2) RATABLE REDUCTION.—If amounts appro-
 25 priated under subsection (a) for any fiscal year are

less than the amount required to comply with paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ratably reduce the amount to be made available under each of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of such paragraph accordingly.

~~“(c) OBLIGATION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS.—~~

~~“(1) AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAMS.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (b)(1)(A) for each fiscal year, the Secretary may obligate for awards under section 751(a)(2)—~~

~~“(A) not less than 23 percent of such amounts in fiscal year 1998;~~

~~“(B) not less than 30 percent of such amounts in fiscal year 1999;~~

~~“(C) not less than 35 percent of such amounts in fiscal year 2000;~~

~~“(D) not less than 40 percent of such amounts in fiscal year 2001; and~~

~~“(E) not less than 45 percent of such amounts in fiscal year 2002.~~

~~“(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that—~~

~~“(A) every State have an area health education center program in effect under this section; and~~

1 “(B) the ratio of Federal funding for the
 2 model program under section 751(a)(2) should
 3 increase over time and that Federal funding for
 4 other awards under this section shall decrease
 5 so that the national program will become en-
 6 tirely comprised of programs that are funded at
 7 least 50 percent by State and local partners.”.

8 **SEC. 104. HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE INFORMA-**
 9 **TION AND ANALYSIS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part E of title VII of the Public
 11 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended
 12 to read as follows:

13 **“PART E—HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND PUBLIC**
 14 **HEALTH WORKFORCE**

15 **“Subpart 1—Health Professions Workforce**
 16 **Information and Analysis**

17 **“SEC. 761. HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE INFORMA-**
 18 **TION AND ANALYSIS.**

19 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to—

20 “(1) provide for the development of information
 21 describing the health professions workforce and the
 22 analysis of workforce related issues; and

23 “(2) provide necessary information for decision-
 24 making regarding future directions in health profes-

1 sions and nursing programs in response to societal
2 and professional needs.

3 ~~“(b) GRANTS OR CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may~~
4 ~~award grants or contracts to State or local governments;~~
5 ~~health professions schools, schools of nursing, academic~~
6 ~~health centers, community-based health facilities, and~~
7 ~~other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities to~~
8 ~~provide for—~~

9 ~~“(1) targeted information collection and analy-~~
10 ~~sis activities related to the purposes described in~~
11 ~~subsection (a);~~

12 ~~“(2) research on high priority workforce ques-~~
13 ~~tions;~~

14 ~~“(3) the development of a non-Federal analytic~~
15 ~~and research infrastructure related to the purposes~~
16 ~~described in subsection (a); and~~

17 ~~“(4) the conduct of program evaluation and as-~~
18 ~~essment.~~

19 ~~“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—~~

20 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be~~
21 ~~appropriated to carry out this section, \$750,000 for~~
22 ~~fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may be nec-~~
23 ~~essary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through~~
24 ~~2002.~~

1 “(2) RESERVATION.—Of the amounts appro-
 2 priated under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the
 3 Secretary shall reserve not less than \$600,000 for
 4 conducting health professions research and for ear-
 5 rying out data collection and analysis in accordance
 6 with section 792.

7 “(3) AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—
 8 Amounts otherwise appropriated for programs or ac-
 9 tivities under this title may be used for activities
 10 under subsection (b) with respect to the programs or
 11 activities from which such amounts were made avail-
 12 able.”.

13 (b) COUNCIL ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDU-
 14 CATION.—Section 301 of the Health Professions Edu-
 15 cation Extension Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102-
 16 408) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (j), by striking “1995” and
 18 inserting “2002”;

19 (2) in subsection (k), by striking “1995” and
 20 inserting “2002”;

21 (3) by adding at the end thereof the following
 22 new subsection:

23 “(1) FUNDING.—Amounts otherwise appropriated
 24 under this title may be utilized by the Secretary to support
 25 the activities of the Council.”;

1 (4) by transferring such section to part E of
2 title VII of the Public Health Service Act (as
3 amended by subsection (a));

4 (5) by redesignating such section as section
5 763; and

6 (6) by inserting such section after section 762.

7 **SEC. 105. PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

8 Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
9 (as amended by section 104) is further amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 **“Subpart 2—Public Health Workforce**

12 **“SEC. 765. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
14 or contracts to eligible entities to increase the number of
15 individuals in the public health workforce; to enhance the
16 quality of such workforce; and to enhance the ability of
17 the workforce to meet national, State, and local health
18 care needs.

19 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
20 or contract under subsection (a) an entity shall—

21 “(1) be—

22 “(A) a health professions school, including
23 an accredited school or program of public
24 health; health administration; preventive medi-

1 eine, or dental public health or a school provid-
2 ing health management programs;

3 ~~“(B) an academic health center;~~

4 ~~“(C) a State or local government; or~~

5 ~~“(D) any other appropriate public or pri-
6 vate nonprofit entity; and~~

7 ~~“(2) prepare and submit to the Secretary an
8 application at such time, in such manner, and con-
9 taining such information as the Secretary may re-
10 quire.~~

11 ~~“(c) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants or contracts
12 under this section the Secretary may grant a preference
13 to entities—~~

14 ~~“(1) serving individuals who are from disadvan-
15 taged backgrounds (including underrepresented ra-
16 cial and ethnic minorities); and~~

17 ~~“(2) graduating large proportions of individuals
18 who serve in underserved communities.~~

19 ~~“(d) ACTIVITIES.—Amounts provided under a grant
20 or contract awarded under this section may be used for—~~

21 ~~“(1) the costs of planning, developing, or oper-
22 ating demonstration training programs;~~

23 ~~“(2) faculty development;~~

24 ~~“(3) trainee support;~~

25 ~~“(4) technical assistance;~~

1 ~~“(5) to meet the costs of projects—~~

2 ~~“(A) to plan and develop new residency~~
 3 ~~training programs and to maintain or improve~~
 4 ~~existing residency training programs in preven-~~
 5 ~~tive medicine and dental public health; that~~
 6 ~~have available full-time faculty members with~~
 7 ~~training and experience in the fields of preven-~~
 8 ~~tive medicine and dental public health; and~~

9 ~~“(B) to provide financial assistance to resi-~~
 10 ~~dency trainees enrolled in such programs;~~

11 ~~“(6) the retraining of existing public health~~
 12 ~~workers as well as for increasing the supply of new~~
 13 ~~practitioners to address priority public health, pre-~~
 14 ~~ventive medicine, public health dentistry, and health~~
 15 ~~administration needs;~~

16 ~~“(7) preparing public health professionals for~~
 17 ~~employment at the State and community levels; or~~

18 ~~“(8) other activities that may produce outcomes~~
 19 ~~that are consistent with the purposes of this section~~

20 ~~“(e) TRAINEESHIPS.—~~

21 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to amounts~~
 22 ~~used under this section for the training of health~~
 23 ~~professionals, such training programs shall be de-~~
 24 ~~signed to—~~

1 “(A) make public health education more
2 accessible to the public and private health work-
3 force;

4 “(B) increase the relevance of public
5 health academic preparation to public health
6 practice in the future;

7 “(C) provide education or training for stu-
8 dents from traditional on-campus programs in
9 practice-based sites; or

10 “(D) develop educational methods and dis-
11 tance-based approaches or technology that ad-
12 dress adult learning requirements and increase
13 knowledge and skills related to community-
14 based cultural diversity in public health edu-
15 cation.

16 “(2) SEVERE SHORTAGE DISCIPLINES.—
17 Amounts provided under grants or contracts under
18 this section may be used for the operation of pro-
19 grams designed to award traineeships to students in
20 accredited schools of public health who enter edu-
21 cational programs in fields where there is a severe
22 shortage of public health professionals, including ep-
23 idemiology, biostatistics, environmental health, toxi-
24 cology, public health nursing, nutrition, preventive

1 medicine, maternal and child health, and behavioral
2 and mental health professions.

3 **“SEC. 766. PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTERS.**

4 “~~(a)~~ **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may make grants
5 or contracts for the operation of public health training
6 centers.

7 “~~(b)~~ **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—

8 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A public health training
9 center shall be an accredited school of public health,
10 or another public or nonprofit private institution ac-
11 credited for the provision of graduate or specialized
12 training in public health, that plans, develops, oper-
13 ates, and evaluates projects that are in furtherance
14 of the goals established by the Secretary for the year
15 2000 in the areas of preventive medicine, health pro-
16 motion and disease prevention, or improving access
17 to and quality of health services in medically under-
18 served communities.

19 “(2) **PREFERENCE.**—In awarding grants or
20 contracts under this section the Secretary shall give
21 preference to accredited schools of public health.

22 “~~(c)~~ **CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.**—With respect to a
23 public health training center, an award may not be made
24 under subsection (a) unless the program agrees that it—

1 “(1) will establish or strengthen field place-
 2 ments for students in public or nonprofit private
 3 health agencies or organizations;

4 “(2) will involve faculty members and students
 5 in collaborative projects to enhance public health
 6 services to medically underserved communities;

7 “(3) will specifically designate a geographic
 8 area or medically underserved population to be
 9 served by the center that shall be in a location re-
 10 moved from the main location of the teaching facility
 11 of the school that is participating in the program
 12 with such center; and

13 “(4) will assess the health personnel needs of
 14 the area to be served by the center and assist in the
 15 planning and development of training programs to
 16 meet such needs.

17 **“SEC. 767. PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINEESHIPS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
 19 to accredited schools of public health, and to other public
 20 or nonprofit private institutions accredited for the provi-
 21 sion of graduate or specialized training in public health,
 22 for the purpose of assisting such schools and institutions
 23 in providing traineeships to individuals described in sub-
 24 section (b)(3).

25 “(b) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—

1 “(1) AMOUNT.—The amount of any grant
2 under this section shall be determined by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 “(2) USE OF GRANT.—Traineeships awarded
5 under grants made under subsection (a) shall pro-
6 vide for tuition and fees and such stipends and al-
7 lowances (including travel and subsistence expenses
8 and dependency allowances) for the trainees as the
9 Secretary may deem necessary.

10 “(3) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—The individuals
11 referred to in subsection (a) are individuals who are
12 pursuing a course of study in a health professions
13 field in which there is a severe shortage of health
14 professionals (which fields include the fields of epide-
15 miology, environmental health, biostatistics, toxic-
16 ology, nutrition, and maternal and child health).

17 **“SEC. 768. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE; DENTAL PUBLIC**
18 **HEALTH.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
20 to and enter into contracts with schools of medicine, osteo-
21 pathic medicine, public health, and dentistry to meet the
22 costs of projects—

23 “(1) to plan and develop new residency training
24 programs and to maintain or improve existing resi-

1 dency training programs in preventive medicine and
2 dental public health; and

3 ~~“(2) to provide financial assistance to residency~~
4 ~~trainees enrolled in such programs.~~

5 ~~“(b) ADMINISTRATION.—~~

6 ~~“(1) AMOUNT.—The amount of any grant~~
7 ~~under subsection (a) shall be determined by the Sec-~~
8 ~~retary.~~

9 ~~“(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant~~
10 ~~under subsection (a), the applicant must dem-~~
11 ~~onstrate to the Secretary that it has or will have~~
12 ~~available full-time faculty members with training and~~
13 ~~experience in the fields of preventive medicine or~~
14 ~~dental public health and support from other faculty~~
15 ~~members trained in public health and other relevant~~
16 ~~specialties and disciplines.~~

17 ~~“(3) OTHER FUNDS.—Schools of medicine, os-~~
18 ~~teopathic medicine, dentistry, and public health may~~
19 ~~use funds committed by State, local, or county pub-~~
20 ~~lic health officers as matching amounts for Federal~~
21 ~~grant funds for residency training programs in pre-~~
22 ~~ventive medicine.~~

1 **“SEC. 769. HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TRAINEESHIPS AND**
 2 **SPECIAL PROJECTS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
 4 to State or local governments (that have in effect preven-
 5 tive medical and dental public health residency programs)
 6 or public or nonprofit private educational entities (includ-
 7 ing graduate schools of social work and business schools
 8 that have health management programs) that offer a pro-
 9 gram described in subsection (b)—

10 “(1) to provide traineeships for students en-
 11 rolled in such a program; and

12 “(2) to assist accredited programs health ad-
 13 ministration in the development or improvement of
 14 programs to prepare students for employment with
 15 public or nonprofit private entities.

16 “(b) RELEVANT PROGRAMS.—The program referred
 17 to in subsection (a) is an accredited program in health
 18 administration, hospital administration, or health policy
 19 analysis and planning, which program is accredited by a
 20 body or bodies approved for such purpose by the Secretary
 21 of Education and which meets such other quality stand-
 22 ards as the Secretary of Health and Human Services by
 23 regulation may prescribe.

24 “(c) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making
 25 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-

1 erence to qualified applicants that meet the following con-
 2 ditions:

3 “(1) Not less than 25 percent of the graduates
 4 of the applicant are engaged in full-time practice
 5 settings in medically underserved communities.

6 “(2) The applicant recruits and admits students
 7 from medically underserved communities.

8 “(3) For the purpose of training students, the
 9 applicant has established relationships with public
 10 and nonprofit providers of health care in the com-
 11 munity involved.

12 “(4) In training students, the applicant empha-
 13 sizes employment with public or nonprofit private
 14 entities.

15 “(d) CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING
 16 TRAINEESHIPS.—

17 “(1) USE OF GRANT.—Traineeships awarded
 18 under grants made under subsection (a) shall pro-
 19 vide for tuition and fees and such stipends and al-
 20 lowances (including travel and subsistence expenses
 21 and dependency allowances) for the trainees as the
 22 Secretary may deem necessary.

23 “(2) PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.—
 24 Each entity applying for a grant under subsection
 25 (a) for traineeships shall assure to the satisfaction

1 of the Secretary that the entity will give priority to
 2 awarding the traineeships to students who dem-
 3 onstrate a commitment to employment with public
 4 or nonprofit private entities in the fields with respect
 5 to which the traineeships are awarded.

6 **“SEC. 770. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of carrying out
 8 this subpart, there is authorized to be appropriated
 9 \$9,100,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may
 10 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through
 11 2002.

12 “(b) LIMITATION REGARDING CERTAIN PROGRAM.—
 13 In obligating amounts appropriated under subsection (a),
 14 the Secretary may not obligate more than 30 percent for
 15 carrying out section 767.”.

16 **SEC. 106. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—

18 (1) Part F of title VII of the Public Health
 19 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295 et seq.) is repealed.

20 (2) Part G of title VII of the Public Health
 21 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295j et seq.) is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating such part as part F;

23 (B) in section 791 (42 U.S.C. 295j)—

24 (i) by striking subsection (b); and

1 (ii) redesignating subsection (c) as
 2 subsection (b);
 3 (C) by repealing section 793 (42 U.S.C.
 4 2951);
 5 (D) by repealing section 798;
 6 (E) by redesignating section 799 as section
 7 799B; and
 8 (F) by inserting after section 794, the fol-
 9 lowing new sections:

10 **“SEC. 796. APPLICATION.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant
 12 or contract under this title, an eligible entity shall prepare
 13 and submit to the Secretary an application that meets the
 14 requirements of this section, at such time, in such manner,
 15 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
 16 quire.

17 “(b) PLAN.—An application submitted under this
 18 section shall contain the plan of the applicant for carrying
 19 out a project with amounts received under this title. Such
 20 plan shall be consistent with relevant Federal, State, or
 21 regional health professions program plans.

22 “(c) PERFORMANCE OUTCOME STANDARDS.—An ap-
 23 plication submitted under this section shall contain a spec-
 24 ification by the applicant entity of performance outcome
 25 standards that the project to be funded under the grant

1 or contract will be measured against. Such standards shall
 2 address relevant health workforce needs that the project
 3 will meet. The recipient of a grant or contract under this
 4 section shall meet the standards set forth in the grant or
 5 contract application.

6 “(d) LINKAGES.—An application submitted under
 7 this section shall contain a description of the linkages with
 8 relevant educational and health care entities, including
 9 training programs for other health professionals as appro-
 10 priate, that the project to be funded under the grant or
 11 contract will establish. To the extent practicable, grantees
 12 under this section shall establish linkages with health care
 13 providers who provide care for underserved communities
 14 and populations.

15 **“SEC. 797. USE OF FUNDS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts provided under a grant
 17 or contract awarded under this title may be used for train-
 18 ing program development and support, faculty develop-
 19 ment, model demonstrations, trainee support including
 20 tuition, books, program fees and reasonable living ex-
 21 penses during the period of training, technical assistance,
 22 workforce analysis, dissemination of information, and ex-
 23 ploring new policy directions, as appropriate to meet rec-
 24 ognized health workforce objectives, in accordance with
 25 this title.

1 “(b) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—With respect to
 2 activities for which a grant awarded under this title is to
 3 be expended, the entity shall agree to maintain expendi-
 4 tures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level
 5 that is not less than the level of such expenditures main-
 6 tained by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal
 7 year for which the entity receives such a grant.

8 **“SEC. 798. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

9 “The Secretary may require that an entity that ap-
 10 plies for a grant or contract under this title provide non-
 11 Federal matching funds, as appropriate, to ensure the in-
 12 stitutional commitment of the entity to the projects funded
 13 under the grant. As determined by the Secretary, such
 14 non-Federal matching funds may be provided directly or
 15 through donations from public or private entities and may
 16 be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, including plant,
 17 equipment, or services.

18 **“SEC. 799. GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.**

19 “(a) AWARDING OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The
 20 Secretary shall ensure that grants and contracts under
 21 this title are awarded on a competitive basis, as appro-
 22 priate, to carry out innovative demonstration projects or
 23 provide for strategic workforce supplementation activities
 24 as needed to meet health workforce goals and in accord-
 25 ance with this title. Contracts may be entered into under

1 this title with public or private entities as may be nec-
 2 essary.

3 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Unless specifically re-
 4 quired otherwise in this title, the Secretary shall accept
 5 applications for grants or contracts under this title from
 6 health professions schools, academic health centers, State
 7 or local governments, or other appropriate public or pri-
 8 vate nonprofit entities for funding and participation in
 9 health professions and nursing training activities. The
 10 Secretary may accept applications from for-profit private
 11 entities if determined appropriate by the Secretary.

12 “(c) INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Recipients of grants and
 14 contracts under this title shall meet information re-
 15 quirements as specified by the Secretary.

16 “(2) DATA COLLECTION.—The Secretary shall
 17 establish procedures to ensure that, with respect to
 18 any data collection required under this title, such
 19 data is collected in a manner that takes into account
 20 age, gender, race, and ethnicity.

21 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall es-
 22 tablish procedures to permit the use of amounts ap-
 23 propriated under this title to be used for data collec-
 24 tion purposes.

1 “(4) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary shall es-
 2 tablish procedures to ensure the annual evaluation of
 3 programs and projects operated by recipients of
 4 grants or contracts under this title. Such procedures
 5 shall ensure that continued funding for such pro-
 6 grams and projects will be conditioned upon a dem-
 7 onstration that satisfactory progress has been made
 8 by the program or project in meeting the objectives
 9 of the program or project.

10 “(d) TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Training programs con-
 11 ducted with amounts received under this title shall meet
 12 applicable accreditation and quality standards.

13 “(e) DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 15 in the case of an award to an entity of a grant, co-
 16 operative agreement, or contract under this title, the
 17 period during which payments are made to the en-
 18 tity under the award may not exceed 5 years. The
 19 provision of payments under the award shall be sub-
 20 ject to annual approval by the Secretary of the pay-
 21 ments and subject to the availability of appropria-
 22 tions for the fiscal year involved to make the pay-
 23 ments. This paragraph may not be construed as lim-
 24 iting the number of awards under the program in-
 25 volved that may be made to the entity.

1 “(2) LIMITATION.—In the case of an award to
 2 an entity of a grant, cooperative agreement, or con-
 3 tract under this title, paragraph (1) shall apply only
 4 to the extent not inconsistent with any other provi-
 5 sion of this title that relates to the period during
 6 which payments may be made under the award.

7 “(f) PEER REVIEW REGARDING CERTAIN PRO-
 8 GRAMS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each application for a
 10 grant under this title, except any scholarship or loan
 11 program, including those under sections 701, 721, or
 12 723, shall be submitted to a peer review group for
 13 an evaluation of the merits of the proposals made in
 14 the application. The Secretary may not approve such
 15 an application unless a peer review group has rec-
 16 ommended the application for approval.

17 “(2) COMPOSITION.—Each peer review group
 18 under this subsection shall be composed principally
 19 of individuals who are not officers or employees of
 20 the Federal Government. In providing for the estab-
 21 lishment of peer review groups and procedures, the
 22 Secretary shall ensure gender, racial, ethnic, and ge-
 23 ographic balance among the membership of such
 24 groups.

1 ~~“(3) ADMINISTRATION.—~~This subsection shall
 2 be carried out by the Secretary acting through the
 3 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
 4 Administration.

5 ~~“(g) PREFERENCE OR PRIORITY CONSIDER-~~
 6 ~~ATIONS.—~~In considering a preference or priority for fund-
 7 ing which is based on outcome measures for an eligible
 8 entity under this title, the Secretary may also consider the
 9 future ability of the eligible entity to meet the outcome
 10 preference or priority through improvements in the eligible
 11 entity’s program design.

12 ~~“(h) ANALYTIC ACTIVITIES.—~~The Secretary shall en-
 13 sure that—

14 ~~“(1) cross-cutting workforce analytical activities~~
 15 are carried out as part of the workforce information
 16 and analysis activities under section 761; and

17 ~~“(2) discipline-specific workforce information~~
 18 and analytical activities are carried out as part of—

19 ~~“(A) the community-based linkage pro-~~
 20 gram under part D; and

21 ~~“(B) the health workforce development~~
 22 program under subpart 2 of part E.

23 ~~“(i) OSTEOPATHIC SCHOOLS.—~~For purposes of this
 24 title, any reference to—

1 ~~“(1) medical schools shall include osteopathic~~
 2 ~~medical schools; and~~

3 ~~“(2) medical students shall include osteopathic~~
 4 ~~medical students.~~

5 **~~“SEC. 799A. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.~~**

6 ~~“Funds appropriated under this title may be used by~~
 7 ~~the Secretary to provide technical assistance in relation~~
 8 ~~to any of the authorities under this title.”.~~

9 ~~(b) PROFESSION COUNSELORS AS MENTAL HEALTH~~
 10 ~~PROFESSIONALS.—Section 792(a) of the Public Health~~
 11 ~~Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295k(a)) is amended by inserting~~
 12 ~~“professional counselors,” after “clinical psychologists,”.~~

13 **~~SEC. 107. PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN PROGRAMS.~~**

14 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 791 of the Public Health~~
 15 ~~Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295j), as amended by section~~
 16 ~~105(a)(2)(B), is further amended by adding at the end~~
 17 ~~thereof the following subsection:~~

18 ~~“(c) EXCEPTIONS FOR NEW PROGRAMS.—~~

19 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—To permit new programs to~~
 20 ~~compete equitably for funding under this section,~~
 21 ~~those new programs that meet at least 4 of the cri-~~
 22 ~~teria described in paragraph (3) shall qualify for a~~
 23 ~~funding preference under this section.~~

24 ~~“(2) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection,~~
 25 ~~the term ‘new program’ means any program that~~

1 has graduated less than three classes. Upon grad-
2 uating at least three classes, a program shall have
3 the capability to provide the information necessary
4 to qualify the program for the general funding pref-
5 erences described in subsection (a).

6 “(3) CRITERIA.—The criteria referred to in
7 paragraph (1) are the following:

8 “(A) The mission statement of the pro-
9 gram identifies a specific purpose of the pro-
10 gram as being the preparation of health profes-
11 sionals to serve underserved populations.

12 “(B) The curriculum of the program in-
13 cludes content which will help to prepare practi-
14 tioners to serve underserved populations.

15 “(C) Substantial clinical training experi-
16 ence is required under the program in medically
17 underserved communities.

18 “(D) A minimum of 20 percent of the clin-
19 ical faculty of the program spend at least 50
20 percent of their time providing or supervising
21 care in medically underserved communities.

22 “(E) The entire program or a substantial
23 portion of the program is physically located in
24 a medically underserved community.

1 ~~“(F) Student assistance, which is linked to~~
 2 ~~service in medically underserved communities~~
 3 ~~following graduation, is available to the stu-~~
 4 ~~dents in the program.~~

5 ~~“(G) The program provides a placement~~
 6 ~~mechanism for deploying graduates to medically~~
 7 ~~underserved communities.”.~~

8 (b) ~~CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 791(a) of~~
 9 ~~the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295j(a)) is~~
 10 ~~amended—~~

11 ~~(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “sections 747”~~
 12 ~~and all that follows through “767” and inserting~~
 13 ~~“sections 747 and 750”; and~~

14 ~~(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “under section~~
 15 ~~798(a)”.~~

16 **SEC. 108. DEFINITIONS.**

17 (a) ~~GRADUATE PROGRAM IN BEHAVIORAL AND MEN-~~
 18 ~~TAL HEALTH PRACTICE.—Section 799B(1)(D) of the~~
 19 ~~Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p(1)(D)) (as so~~
 20 ~~redesignated by section 106(a)(2)(E)) is amended—~~

21 ~~(1) by inserting “behavioral health and” before~~
 22 ~~“mental”; and~~

23 ~~(2) by inserting “behavioral health and mental~~
 24 ~~health practice,” before “clinical”.~~

1 (b) PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AS A BEHAVIORAL
 2 AND MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE.—Section 799B of the
 3 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) (as so reded-
 4 icated by section 106(a)(2)(E)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

7 (i) by inserting “and ‘graduate pro-
 8 gram in professional counseling’” after
 9 “graduate program in marriage and family
 10 therapy’”; and

11 (ii) by inserting before the period the
 12 following: “and a concentration leading to
 13 a graduate degree in counseling”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting
 15 “professional counseling,” after “social work,”;
 16 and

17 (C) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
 18 “professional counseling,” after “social work,”;
 19 and

20 (2) in paragraph (5)(C), by inserting before the
 21 period the following: “or a degree in counseling or
 22 an equivalent degree”.

23 (c) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—Sec-
 24 tion 799B(6) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.

1 ~~295p(6))~~ (as so redesignated by section ~~105(a)(2)(E))~~ is
 2 amended—

3 ~~(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at~~
 4 ~~the end thereof;~~

5 ~~(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period~~
 6 ~~and inserting “; or”; and~~

7 ~~(3) by adding at the end the following:~~

8 ~~“(D) is designated by a State Governor (in~~
 9 ~~consultation with the medical community) as a~~
 10 ~~shortage area or medically underserved commu-~~
 11 ~~nity.”.~~

12 ~~(d) PROGRAMS FOR THE TRAINING OF PHYSICIAN~~
 13 ~~ASSISTANTS.—Paragraph (3) of section 799B of the Pub-~~
 14 ~~lie Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) (as so redesign-~~
 15 ~~ated by section ~~105(a)(2)(E))~~ is amended to read as fol-~~
 16 ~~lows:~~

17 ~~“(3) The term ‘program for the training of phy-~~
 18 ~~sician assistants’ means an educational program~~
 19 ~~that—~~

20 ~~“(A) has as its objective the education of~~
 21 ~~individuals who will, upon completion of their~~
 22 ~~studies in the program, be qualified to provide~~
 23 ~~primary care under the supervision of a physi-~~
 24 ~~cian;~~

1 “(B) extends for at least one academic
2 year and consists of—

3 “(i) supervised clinical practice; and

4 “(ii) at least four months (in the ag-
5 gregate) of classroom instruction, directed
6 toward preparing students to deliver health
7 care;

8 “(C) has an enrollment of not less than
9 eight students; and

10 “(D) trains students in primary care, dis-
11 ease prevention, health promotion, geriatric
12 medicine, and home health care.”.

13 **SEC. 109. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT ON NATIONAL HEALTH**
14 **SERVICE CORPS.**

15 Section 338B(b)(1)(B) of the Public Health Service
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 2541-1(b)(1)(B)) is amended by striking
17 “or other health profession” and inserting “behavioral and
18 mental health, or other health profession”.

19 **SEC. 110. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

20 In the case of any authority for making awards of
21 grants or contracts that is terminated by the amendments
22 made by this subtitle, the Secretary of Health and Human
23 Services may, notwithstanding the termination of the au-
24 thority, continue in effect any grant or contract made
25 under the authority that is in effect on the day before the

1 date of the enactment of this Act, subject to the duration
 2 of any such grant or contract not exceeding the period
 3 determined by the Secretary in first approving such finan-
 4 cial assistance, or in approving the most recent request
 5 made (before the date of such enactment) for continuation
 6 of such assistance, as the case may be.

7 **Subtitle B—Nursing Workforce** 8 **Development**

9 **SEC. 121. SHORT TITLE.**

10 This title may be cited as the “Nursing Education
 11 and Practice Improvement Act of 1998”.

12 **SEC. 122. PURPOSE.**

13 It is the purpose of this title to restructure the nurse
 14 education authorities of title VIII of the Public Health
 15 Service Act to permit a comprehensive, flexible, and effec-
 16 tive approach to Federal support for nursing workforce
 17 development.

18 **SEC. 123. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.**

19 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
 20 U.S.C. 296k et seq.) is amended—

21 (1) by striking the title heading and all that fol-
 22 lows except for subpart H of part B and sections
 23 846 and 855; and inserting the following:

**“TITLE VIII—NURSING
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT”;**

(2) in subpart II of part B, by striking the subpart heading and inserting the following:

“PART E—STUDENT LOANS”;

(3) by striking section 837;

(4) by inserting after the title heading the following new parts:

“PART A—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“SEC. 801. DEFINITIONS.

“As used in this title:

“(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The term ‘eligible entities’ means schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, State or local governments, and other public or private nonprofit entities determined appropriate by the Secretary that submit to the Secretary an application in accordance with section 802.

“(2) SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The term ‘school of nursing’ means a collegiate, associate degree, or diploma school of nursing in a State.

“(3) COLLEGIATE SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The term ‘collegiate school of nursing’ means a department, division, or other administrative unit in a college or university which provides primarily or exclu-

1 sively a program of education in professional nursing
 2 and related subjects leading to the degree of bach-
 3 elor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of nursing,
 4 or to an equivalent degree, or to a graduate degree
 5 in nursing, or to an equivalent degree, and including
 6 advanced training related to such program of edu-
 7 cation provided by such school, but only if such pro-
 8 gram, or such unit, college or university is accred-
 9 ited.

10 “(4) ASSOCIATE DEGREE SCHOOL OF NURS-
 11 ING.—The term ‘associate degree school of nursing’
 12 means a department, division, or other administra-
 13 tive unit in a junior college, community college, col-
 14 lege, or university which provides primarily or exclu-
 15 sively a two-year program of education in profes-
 16 sional nursing and allied subjects leading to an asso-
 17 ciate degree in nursing or to an equivalent degree,
 18 but only if such program, or such unit, college, or
 19 university is accredited.

20 “(5) DIPLOMA SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The
 21 term ‘diploma school of nursing’ means a school af-
 22 filiated with a hospital or university, or an independ-
 23 ent school, which provides primarily or exclusively a
 24 program of education in professional nursing and al-
 25 lied subjects leading to a diploma or to equivalent

1 indicia that such program has been satisfactorily
 2 completed, but only if such program, or such affili-
 3 ated school or such hospital or university or such
 4 independent school is accredited.

5 “(6) ACCREDITED.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
 7 subparagraph (B), the term ‘accredited’ when
 8 applied to any program of nurse education
 9 means a program accredited by a recognized
 10 body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved
 11 for such purpose by the Secretary of Education
 12 and when applied to a hospital, school, college,
 13 or university (or a unit thereof) means a hos-
 14 pital, school, college, or university (or a unit
 15 thereof) which is accredited by a recognized
 16 body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved
 17 for such purpose by the Secretary of Education.
 18 For the purpose of this paragraph, the Sec-
 19 retary of Education shall publish a list of recog-
 20 nized accrediting bodies, and of State agencies,
 21 which the Secretary of Education determines to
 22 be reliable authority as to the quality of edu-
 23 cation offered.

24 “(B) NEW PROGRAMS.—A new program of
 25 nursing that, by reason of an insufficient period

1 of operation, is not, at the time of the submis-
2 sion of an application for a grant or contract
3 under this title, eligible for accreditation by
4 such a recognized body or bodies or State agen-
5 cy, shall be deemed accredited for purposes of
6 this title if the Secretary of Education finds,
7 after consultation with the appropriate accredi-
8 tation body or bodies, that there is reasonable
9 assurance that the program will meet the ac-
10 creditation standards of such body or bodies
11 prior to the beginning of the academic year fol-
12 lowing the normal graduation date of students
13 of the first entering class in such a program.

14 “(7) NONPROFIT.—The term ‘nonprofit’ as ap-
15 plied to any school, agency, organization, or institu-
16 tion means one which is a corporation or association,
17 or is owned and operated by one or more corpora-
18 tions or associations, no part of the net earnings of
19 which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit
20 of any private shareholder or individual.

21 “(8) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means a State,
22 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of
23 Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mari-
24 ana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Is-
25 lands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

1 **~~“SEC. 802. APPLICATION.~~**

2 ~~“(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a grant~~
 3 ~~or contract under this title, an eligible entity shall prepare~~
 4 ~~and submit to the Secretary an application that meets the~~
 5 ~~requirements of this section, at such time, in such manner,~~
 6 ~~and containing such information as the Secretary may re-~~
 7 ~~quire.~~

8 ~~“(b) PLAN.—An application submitted under this~~
 9 ~~section shall contain the plan of the applicant for carrying~~
 10 ~~out a project with amounts received under this title. Such~~
 11 ~~plan shall be consistent with relevant Federal, State, or~~
 12 ~~regional program plans.~~

13 ~~“(c) PERFORMANCE OUTCOME STANDARDS.—An ap-~~
 14 ~~plication submitted under this section shall contain a spee-~~
 15 ~~ification by the applicant entity of performance outcome~~
 16 ~~standards that the project to be funded under the grant~~
 17 ~~or contract will be measured against. Such standards shall~~
 18 ~~address relevant national nursing needs that the project~~
 19 ~~will meet. The recipient of a grant or contract under this~~
 20 ~~section shall meet the standards set forth in the grant or~~
 21 ~~contract application.~~

22 ~~“(d) LINKAGES.—An application submitted under~~
 23 ~~this section shall contain a description of the linkages with~~
 24 ~~relevant educational and health care entities, including~~
 25 ~~training programs for other health professionals as appro-~~

1 priate, that the project to be funded under the grant or
 2 contract will establish.

3 **“SEC. 803. USE OF FUNDS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts provided under a grant
 5 or contract awarded under this title may be used for train-
 6 ing program development and support, faculty develop-
 7 ment, model demonstrations, trainee support including
 8 tuition, books, program fees and reasonable living ex-
 9 penses during the period of training, technical assistance,
 10 workforce analysis, and dissemination of information, as
 11 appropriate to meet recognized nursing objectives, in ac-
 12 cordance with this title.

13 “(b) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—With respect to
 14 activities for which a grant awarded under this title is to
 15 be expended, the entity shall agree to maintain expendi-
 16 tures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level
 17 that is not less than the level of such expenditures main-
 18 tained by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal
 19 year for which the entity receives such a grant.

20 **“SEC. 804. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

21 “‘The Secretary may require that an entity that ap-
 22 plies for a grant or contract under this title provide non-
 23 Federal matching funds, as appropriate, to ensure the in-
 24 stitutional commitment of the entity to the projects funded
 25 under the grant. Such non-Federal matching funds may

1 be provided directly or through donations from public or
 2 private entities and may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evalu-
 3 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.

4 **~~“SEC. 805. PREFERENCE.~~**

5 ~~“In awarding grants or contracts under this title, the~~
 6 ~~Secretary shall give preference to applicants with projects~~
 7 ~~that will substantially benefit rural or underserved popu-~~
 8 ~~lations, or help meet public health nursing needs in State~~
 9 ~~or local health departments.~~

10 **~~“SEC. 806. GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.~~**

11 ~~“(a) AWARDING OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The~~
 12 ~~Secretary shall ensure that grants and contracts under~~
 13 ~~this title are awarded on a competitive basis, as appro-~~
 14 ~~priate, to carry out innovative demonstration projects or~~
 15 ~~provide for strategic workforce supplementation activities~~
 16 ~~as needed to meet national nursing service goals and in~~
 17 ~~accordance with this title. Contracts may be entered into~~
 18 ~~under this title with public or private entities as deter-~~
 19 ~~mined necessary by the Secretary.~~

20 **~~“(b) INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.—~~**

21 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—Recipients of grants and~~
 22 ~~contracts under this title shall meet information re-~~
 23 ~~quirements as specified by the Secretary.~~

24 ~~“(2) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary shall es-~~
 25 ~~tablish procedures to ensure the annual evaluation of~~

1 programs and projects operated by recipients of
 2 grants under this title. Such procedures shall ensure
 3 that continued funding for such programs and
 4 projects will be conditioned upon a demonstration
 5 that satisfactory progress has been made by the pro-
 6 gram or project in meeting the objectives of the pro-
 7 gram or project.

8 “(c) TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Training programs con-
 9 ducted with amounts received under this title shall meet
 10 applicable accreditation and quality standards.

11 “(d) DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 13 in the case of an award to an entity of a grant, co-
 14 operative agreement, or contract under this title, the
 15 period during which payments are made to the en-
 16 tity under the award may not exceed 5 years. The
 17 provision of payments under the award shall be sub-
 18 ject to annual approval by the Secretary of the pay-
 19 ments and subject to the availability of appropria-
 20 tions for the fiscal year involved to make the pay-
 21 ments. This paragraph may not be construed as lim-
 22 iting the number of awards under the program in-
 23 volved that may be made to the entity.

24 “(2) LIMITATION.—In the case of an award to
 25 an entity of a grant, cooperative agreement, or con-

1 tract under this title, paragraph (1) shall apply only
2 to the extent not inconsistent with any other provi-
3 sion of this title that relates to the period during
4 which payments may be made under the award.

5 “(e) PEER REVIEW REGARDING CERTAIN PRO-
6 GRAMS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each application for a
8 grant under this title, except advanced nurse
9 traineeship grants under section 811(a)(2), shall be
10 submitted to a peer review group for an evaluation
11 of the merits of the proposals made in the applica-
12 tion. The Secretary may not approve such an appli-
13 cation unless a peer review group has recommended
14 the application for approval.

15 “(2) COMPOSITION.—Each peer review group
16 under this subsection shall be composed principally
17 of individuals who are not officers or employees of
18 the Federal Government. In providing for the estab-
19 lishment of peer review groups and procedures, the
20 Secretary shall, except as otherwise provided, ensure
21 gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic balance among
22 the membership of such groups.

23 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—This subsection shall
24 be carried out by the Secretary acting through the

1 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
2 Administration.

3 ~~“(f) ANALYTIC ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall en-~~
4 ~~sure that—~~

5 ~~“(1) cross-cutting workforce analytical activities~~
6 ~~are carried out as part of the workforce information~~
7 ~~and analysis activities under this title; and~~

8 ~~“(2) discipline-specific workforce information is~~
9 ~~developed and analytical activities are carried out as~~
10 ~~part of—~~

11 ~~“(A) the advanced practice nursing activi-~~
12 ~~ties under part B;~~

13 ~~“(B) the workforce diversity activities~~
14 ~~under part C; and~~

15 ~~“(C) basic nursing education and practice~~
16 ~~activities under part D.~~

17 ~~“(g) STATE AND REGIONAL PRIORITIES.—Activities~~
18 ~~under grants or contracts under this title shall, to extent~~
19 ~~practicable, be consistent with related Federal, State, or~~
20 ~~regional nursing professions program plans and priorities.~~

21 ~~“(h) FILING OF APPLICATIONS.—~~

22 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—Applications for grants or~~
23 ~~contracts under this title may be submitted by~~
24 ~~health professions schools; schools of nursing; aca-~~
25 ~~demic health centers; State or local governments; or~~

1 other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities
 2 as determined appropriate by the Secretary in ac-
 3 cordance with this title.

4 “(2) FOR PROFIT ENTITIES.—Notwithstanding
 5 paragraph (1), a for-profit entity may be eligible for
 6 a grant or contract under this title as determined
 7 appropriated by the Secretary.

8 **“SEC. 807. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

9 “Funds appropriated under this title may be used by
 10 the Secretary to provide technical assistance in relation
 11 to any of the authorities under this title.

12 **“PART B—NURSE PRACTITIONERS, NURSE MID-**
 13 **WIVES, NURSE ANESTHETISTS, AND OTHER**
 14 **ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES**

15 **“SEC. 811. ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING GRANTS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
 17 to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to meet
 18 the costs of—

19 “(1) projects that support the enhancement of
 20 advanced practice nursing education and practice;
 21 and

22 “(2) traineeships for individuals in advanced
 23 practice nursing programs.

24 “(b) DEFINITION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE
 25 NURSES.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘ad-

1 vanced practice nurses' means individuals trained in ad-
 2 vanced degree programs including individuals in combined
 3 R.N./Master's degree programs, post-nursing master's
 4 certificate programs, or, in the case of nurse midwives,
 5 in certificate programs in existence on the date that is one
 6 day prior to the date of enactment of this section, to serve
 7 as nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse
 8 midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, nurse ad-
 9 ministrators, or public health nurses, or in other nurse
 10 specialties determined by the Secretary to require ad-
 11 vanced education.

12 “(e) ~~AUTHORIZED NURSE PRACTITIONER AND~~
 13 ~~NURSE-MIDWIFERY PROGRAMS.~~—Nurse practitioner and
 14 nurse midwifery programs eligible for support under this
 15 section are educational programs for registered nurses (ir-
 16 respective of the type of school of nursing in which the
 17 nurses received their training) that—

18 “(1) meet guidelines prescribed by the Sec-
 19 retary; and

20 “(2) have as their objective the education of
 21 nurses who will upon completion of their studies in
 22 such programs, be qualified to effectively provide
 23 primary health care, including primary health care
 24 in homes and in ambulatory care facilities, long-term

1 care facilities, acute care, and other health care set-
2 tings.

3 “(d) ~~AUTHORIZED NURSE ANESTHESIA PRO-~~
4 ~~GRAMS.~~—Nurse anesthesia programs eligible for support
5 under this section are education programs that—

6 “(1) provide registered nurses with full-time an-
7 esthetist education; and

8 “(2) are accredited by the Council on Accredita-
9 tion of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

10 “(e) ~~OTHER AUTHORIZED EDUCATIONAL PRO-~~
11 ~~GRAMS.~~—The Secretary shall prescribe guidelines as ap-
12 propriate for other advanced practice nurse education pro-
13 grams eligible for support under this section.

14 “(f) ~~TRAINEESHIPS.~~—

15 “(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The Secretary may not
16 award a grant to an applicant under subsection (a)
17 unless the applicant involved agrees that
18 traineeships provided with the grant will only pay all
19 or part of the costs of—

20 “(A) the tuition, books, and fees of the
21 program of advanced nursing practice with re-
22 spect to which the traineeship is provided; and

23 “(B) the reasonable living expenses of the
24 individual during the period for which the
25 traineeship is provided.

1 “(2) DOCTORAL PROGRAMS.—The Secretary
2 may not obligate more than 10 percent of the
3 traineeships under subsection (a) for individuals in
4 doctorate degree programs.

5 “(3) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—In making
6 awards of grants and contracts under subsection
7 (a)(2), the Secretary shall give special consideration
8 to an eligible entity that agrees to expend the award
9 to train advanced practice nurses who will practice
10 in health professional shortage areas designated
11 under section 332.

12 **“PART C—INCREASING NURSING WORKFORCE**
13 **DIVERSITY**

14 **“SEC. 821. WORKFORCE DIVERSITY GRANTS.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
16 to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to meet
17 the costs of special projects to increase nursing education
18 opportunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged
19 backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities under-
20 represented among registered nurses) by providing stu-
21 dent scholarships or stipends, pre-entry preparation, and
22 retention activities.

23 “(b) GUIDANCE.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
24 Secretary shall take into consideration the recommenda-
25 tions of the First, Second and Third Invitational Con-

1 gresses for Minority Nurse Leaders on ‘Caring for the
 2 Emerging Majority,’ in 1992, 1993 and 1997, and consult
 3 with nursing associations including the American Nurses
 4 Association, the National League for Nursing, the Amer-
 5 ican Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National
 6 Black Nurses Association, the National Association of
 7 Hispanic Nurses, the Association of Asian American and
 8 Pacific Islander Nurses, the Native American Indian and
 9 Alaskan Nurses Association, and the National Council of
 10 State Boards of Nursing.

11 “(c) REQUIRED INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS FOR
 12 AWARD RECIPIENTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Recipients of awards under
 14 this section may be required, where requested, to re-
 15 port to the Secretary concerning the annual admis-
 16 sion, retention, and graduation rates for individuals
 17 from disadvantaged backgrounds and ethnic and ra-
 18 cial minorities in the school or schools involved in
 19 the projects.

20 “(2) FALLING RATES.—If any of the rates re-
 21 ported under paragraph (1) fall below the average of
 22 the two previous years, the grant or contract recipi-
 23 ent shall provide the Secretary with plans for imme-
 24 diately improving such rates.

1 “(3) INELIGIBILITY.—A recipient described in
 2 paragraph (2) shall be ineligible for continued fund-
 3 ing under this section if the plan of the recipient
 4 fails to improve the rates within the 1-year period
 5 beginning on the date such plan is implemented.

6 **“PART D—STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR**
 7 **BASIC NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE**

8 **“SEC. 831. BASIC NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE**
 9 **GRANTS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
 11 to and enter into contracts with eligible entities for
 12 projects to strengthen capacity for basic nurse education
 13 and practice.

14 “(b) PRIORITY AREAS.—In awarding grants or con-
 15 tracts under this section the Secretary shall give priority
 16 to entities that will use amounts provided under such a
 17 grant or contract to enhance the educational mix and utili-
 18 zation of the basic nursing workforce by strengthening
 19 programs that provide basic nurse education, such as
 20 through—

21 “(1) establishing or expanding nursing practice
 22 arrangements in noninstitutional settings to dem-
 23 onstrate methods to improve access to primary
 24 health care in medically underserved communities;

1 “(2) providing care for underserved populations
2 and other high-risk groups such as the elderly, indi-
3 viduals with HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, the
4 homeless, and victims of domestic violence;

5 “(3) providing managed care, quality improve-
6 ment, and other skills needed to practice in existing
7 and emerging organized health care systems;

8 “(4) developing cultural competencies among
9 nurses;

10 “(5) expanding the enrollment in baccalaureate
11 nursing programs;

12 “(6) promoting career mobility for nursing per-
13 sonnel in a variety of training settings and cross
14 training or specialty training among diverse popu-
15 lation groups;

16 “(7) providing education in informatics, includ-
17 ing distance learning methodologies; or

18 “(8) other priority areas as determined by the
19 Secretary.”;

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

21 **“PART F—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

22 **“SEC. 841. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 “‘There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
24 sections 811, 821, and 831, \$65,000,000 for fiscal year

1 1998, and such sums as may be necessary in each of the
 2 fiscal years 1999 through 2002.

3 **~~“PART G—NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON~~**
 4 **~~NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE~~**
 5 **~~“SEC. 845. NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NURSE EDU-~~**
 6 **~~CATION AND PRACTICE.~~**

7 ~~“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-~~
 8 ~~lish an advisory council to be known as the National Advi-~~
 9 ~~sory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (in this sec-~~
 10 ~~tion referred to as the ‘Advisory Council’).~~

11 ~~“(b) COMPOSITION.—~~

12 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council shall~~
 13 ~~be composed of~~

14 ~~“(A) not less than 21, nor more than 23~~
 15 ~~individuals, who are not officers or employees of~~
 16 ~~the Federal Government, appointed by the Sec-~~
 17 ~~retary without regard to the Federal civil serv-~~
 18 ~~ice laws, of which—~~

19 ~~“(i) 2 shall be selected from full-time~~
 20 ~~students enrolled in schools of nursing;~~

21 ~~“(ii) 2 shall be selected from the gen-~~
 22 ~~eral public;~~

23 ~~“(iii) 2 shall be selected from practic-~~
 24 ~~ing professional nurses; and~~

1 “(iv) 9 shall be selected from among
 2 the leading authorities in the various fields
 3 of nursing, higher, and secondary edu-
 4 cation, and from representatives of ad-
 5 vanced practice nursing groups (such as
 6 nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and
 7 nurse anesthetists), hospitals, and other in-
 8 stitutions and organizations which provide
 9 nursing services; and

10 “(B) the Secretary (or the delegate of the
 11 Secretary (who shall be an ex officio member
 12 and shall serve as the Chairperson)).

13 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 90 days
 14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 15 retary shall appoint the members of the Advisory
 16 Council and each such member shall serve a 4 year
 17 term. In making such appointments, the Secretary
 18 shall ensure a fair balance between the nursing pro-
 19 fessions, a broad geographic representation of mem-
 20 bers and a balance between urban and rural mem-
 21 bers. Members shall be appointed based on their
 22 competence, interest, and knowledge of the mission
 23 of the profession involved. A majority of the mem-
 24 bers shall be nurses.

1 ~~“(3) MINORITY REPRESENTATION.—~~In appoint-
 2 ing the members of the Advisory Council under
 3 paragraph (1); the Secretary shall ensure the ade-
 4 quate representation of minorities.

5 ~~“(e) VACANCIES.—~~

6 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—~~A vacancy on the Advisory
 7 Council shall be filled in the manner in which the
 8 original appointment was made and shall be subject
 9 to any conditions which applied with respect to the
 10 original appointment.

11 ~~“(2) FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM.—~~An individ-
 12 ual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for
 13 the unexpired term of the member replaced.

14 ~~“(d) DUTIES.—~~The Advisory Council shall—

15 ~~“(1) provide advice and recommendations to the~~
 16 Secretary and Congress concerning policy matters
 17 arising in the administration of this title, including
 18 the range of issues relating to the nurse workforce;
 19 education; and practice improvement;

20 ~~“(2) provide advice to the Secretary and Con-~~
 21 gress in the preparation of general regulations and
 22 with respect to policy matters arising in the adminis-
 23 tration of this title, including the range of issues re-
 24 lating to nurse supply; education and practice im-
 25 provement; and

1 “(3) not later than 3 years after the date of en-
 2 actment of this section, and annually thereafter, pre-
 3 pare and submit to the Secretary, the Committee on
 4 Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, and the
 5 Committee on Commerce of the House of Represent-
 6 atives, a report describing the activities of the Coun-
 7 cil, including findings and recommendations made by
 8 the Council concerning the activities under this title.

9 “(e) MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS.—

10 “(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall
 11 meet not less than 2 times each year. Such meetings
 12 shall be held jointly with other related entities estab-
 13 lished under this title where appropriate.

14 “(2) DOCUMENTS.—Not later than 14 days
 15 prior to the convening of a meeting under paragraph
 16 (1), the Advisory Council shall prepare and make
 17 available an agenda of the matters to be considered
 18 by the Advisory Council at such meeting. At any
 19 such meeting, the Advisory Council shall distribute
 20 materials with respect to the issues to be addressed
 21 at the meeting. Not later than 30 days after the ad-
 22 journing of such a meeting, the Advisory Council
 23 shall prepare and make available a summary of the
 24 meeting and any actions taken by the Council based
 25 upon the meeting.

1 “(f) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—

2 “(1) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the
3 Advisory Council shall be compensated at a rate
4 equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
5 basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive
6 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
7 States Code, for each day (including travel time)
8 during which such member is engaged in the per-
9 formance of the duties of the Council. All members
10 of the Council who are officers or employees of the
11 United States shall serve without compensation in
12 addition to that received for their services as officers
13 or employees of the United States.

14 “(2) EXPENSES.—The members of the Advisory
15 Council shall be allowed travel expenses, including
16 per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
17 for employees of agencies under subchapter I of
18 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while
19 away from their homes or regular places of business
20 in the performance of services for the Council.

21 “(g) FUNDING.—Amounts appropriated under this
22 title may be utilized by the Secretary to support the nurse
23 education and practice activities of the Council.

24 “(h) FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act
25 shall apply to the Advisory Committee under this section

1 only to the extent that the provisions of such Act do not
 2 conflict with the requirements of this section.”; and

3 ~~(6) by redesignating section 855 as section 810,~~
 4 and transferring such section so as to appear after
 5 section 809 (as added by the amendment made by
 6 paragraph ~~(5)~~).

7 **SEC. 124. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

8 In the case of any authority for making awards of
 9 grants or contracts that is terminated by the amendment
 10 made by section 123, the Secretary of Health and Human
 11 Services may, notwithstanding the termination of the au-
 12 thority, continue in effect any grant or contract made
 13 under the authority that is in effect on the day before the
 14 date of the enactment of this Act, subject to the duration
 15 of any such grant or contract not exceeding the period
 16 determined by the Secretary in first approving such finan-
 17 cial assistance, or in approving the most recent request
 18 made (before the date of such enactment) for continuation
 19 of such assistance, as the case may be.

20 **Subtitle C—Financial Assistance**

21 **CHAPTER 1—SCHOOL-BASED REVOLVING LOAN**

22 **FUNDS**

23 **SEC. 131. PRIMARY CARE LOAN PROGRAM.**

24 ~~(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOLS.—~~Section
 25 ~~723(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.~~

1 292s(b)(1)), as amended by section 2014(c)(2)(A)(ii) of
 2 Public Law 103-43 (107 Stat. 216), is amended by strik-
 3 ing “3 years before” and inserting “4 years before”.

4 (b) NONCOMPLIANCE.—Section 723(a)(3) of the
 5 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292s(a)(3)) is
 6 amended to read as follows:

7 “(3) NONCOMPLIANCE BY STUDENT.—Each
 8 agreement entered into with a student pursuant to
 9 paragraph (1) shall provide that, if the student fails
 10 to comply with such agreement, the loan involved
 11 will begin to accrue interest at a rate of 18 percent
 12 per year beginning on the date of such noncompli-
 13 ance.”.

14 (c) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Section 723 of the
 15 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292s) is amended—

16 (1) by striking subsection (c); and

17 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
 18 section (c).

19 **SEC. 132. LOANS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 21 724(f)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 22 292t(f)(1)) is amended by striking “\$15,000,000 for fiscal
 23 year 1993” and inserting “\$8,000,000 for each of the fis-
 24 cal years 1998 through 2002”.

1 (b) ~~REPEAL.—Effective October 1, 2002, paragraph~~
 2 (1) of section 724(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 3 U.S.C. 292t(f)(1)) is repealed.

4 **SEC. 133. STUDENT LOANS REGARDING SCHOOLS OF**
 5 **NURSING.**

6 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.—Section 836(b) of the Public~~
 7 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297b(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking the period at
 9 the end and inserting a semicolon;

10 (2) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 12 “and” at the end; and

13 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
 14 the end the following: “; and (C) such addi-
 15 tional periods under the terms of paragraph (8)
 16 of this subsection”;

17 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
 18 the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (4) by adding at the end the following para-
 20 graph:

21 “(8) pursuant to uniform criteria established by
 22 the Secretary, the repayment period established
 23 under paragraph (2) for any student borrower who
 24 during the repayment period failed to make consec-
 25 utive payments and who, during the last 12 months

1 of the repayment period, has made at least 12 con-
 2 secutive payments may be extended for a period not
 3 to exceed 10 years.”.

4 (b) MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENTS.—Section 836(g)
 5 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297b(g)) is
 6 amended by striking “\$15” and inserting “\$40”.

7 (c) ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR
 8 LOAN COLLECTIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 836 of the Public
 10 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297b) is amended by
 11 adding at the end the following new subsection:

12 “(1) ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR
 13 LOAN COLLECTIONS.—

14 “(1) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this sub-
 15 section to ensure that obligations to repay loans
 16 under this section are enforced without regard to
 17 any Federal or State statutory, regulatory, or ad-
 18 ministrative limitation on the period within which
 19 debts may be enforced.

20 “(2) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other
 21 provision of Federal or State law, no limitation shall
 22 terminate the period within which suit may be filed,
 23 a judgment may be enforced, or an offset, garnish-
 24 ment, or other action may be initiated or taken by
 25 a school of nursing that has an agreement with the

1 Secretary pursuant to section 835 that is seeking
 2 the repayment of the amount due from a borrower
 3 on a loan made under this subpart after the default
 4 of the borrower on such loan.”.

5 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
 6 by paragraph (1) shall be effective with respect to
 7 actions pending on or after the date of enactment of
 8 this Act.

9 (d) BREACH OF AGREEMENTS.—Section 338D of the
 10 Public Health Service Act is amended by adding at the
 11 end thereof the following new subsection:

12 “(g) BREACH OF AGREEMENT.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any program
 14 under this section under which an individual makes
 15 an agreement to provide health services for a period
 16 of time in accordance with such program in consid-
 17 eration of receiving an award of Federal funds re-
 18 garding education as a nurse (including an award
 19 for the repayment of loans), the following applies if
 20 the agreement provides that this subsection is appli-
 21 cable:

22 “(A) In the case of a program under this
 23 section that makes an award of Federal funds
 24 for attending an accredited program of nursing
 25 (in this section referred to as a ‘nursing pro-

1 gram’), the individual is liable to the Federal
2 Government for the amount of such award (in-
3 cluding amounts provided for expenses related
4 to such attendance); and for interest on such
5 amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate;
6 if the individual—

7 “(i) fails to maintain an acceptable
8 level of academic standing in the nursing
9 program (as indicated by the program in
10 accordance with requirements established
11 by the Secretary);

12 “(ii) is dismissed from the nursing
13 program for disciplinary reasons; or

14 “(iii) voluntarily terminates the nurs-
15 ing program.

16 “(B) The individual is liable to the Federal
17 Government for the amount of such award (in-
18 cluding amounts provided for expenses related
19 to such attendance); and for interest on such
20 amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate;
21 if the individual fails to provide health services
22 in accordance with the program under this sec-
23 tion for the period of time applicable under the
24 program.

1 ~~“(2) WAIVER OR SUSPENSION OF LIABILITY.—~~

2 In the case of an individual or health facility making
3 an agreement for purposes of paragraph (1), the
4 Secretary shall provide for the waiver or suspension
5 of liability under such subsection if compliance by
6 the individual or the health facility, as the case may
7 be, with the agreements involved is impossible, or
8 would involve extreme hardship to the individual or
9 facility, and if enforcement of the agreements with
10 respect to the individual or facility would be uncon-
11 scionable.

12 ~~“(3) DATE CERTAIN FOR RECOVERY.—Subject~~
13 to paragraph (2), any amount that the Federal Gov-
14 ernment is entitled to recover under paragraph (1)
15 shall be paid to the United States not later than the
16 expiration of the 3-year period beginning on the date
17 the United States becomes so entitled.

18 ~~“(4) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts recovered under~~
19 paragraph (1) with respect to a program under this
20 section shall be available for the purposes of such
21 program, and shall remain available for such pur-
22 poses until expended.”.

23 ~~(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 839 of the~~
24 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297c) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking the matter preceding para-
2 graph (1) and inserting the following:

3 “(a) If a school terminates a loan fund established
4 under an agreement pursuant to section 835(b), or if the
5 Secretary for good cause terminates the agreement with
6 the school, there shall be a capital distribution as fol-
7 lows:” and

8 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “at the
9 close of September 30, 1999,” and inserting
10 “on the date of termination of the fund”; and
11 (2) in subsection (b), to read as follows:

12 “(b) If a capital distribution is made under sub-
13 section (a), the school involved shall, after such capital dis-
14 tribution, pay to the Secretary, not less often than quar-
15 terly, the same proportionate share of amounts received
16 by the school in payment of principal or interest on loans
17 made from the loan fund established under section 835(b)
18 as determined by the Secretary under subsection (a).”.

19 **SEC. 134. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

20 (a) MAXIMUM STUDENT LOAN PROVISIONS AND
21 MINIMUM PAYMENTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 722(a)(1) of the
23 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r(a)(1)),
24 as amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law
25 103–43, is amended by striking “the sum of” and

1 all that follows through the end thereof and insert-
 2 ing “the cost of attendance (including tuition, other
 3 reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable liv-
 4 ing costs) for that year at the educational institution
 5 attended by the student (as determined by such edu-
 6 cational institution).”.

7 (2) THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS.—Section
 8 722(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 9 U.S.C. 292r(a)(2)), as amended by section
 10 2014(b)(1) of Public Law 103–43, is amended by
 11 striking “the amount \$2,500” and all that follows
 12 through “including such \$2,500” and inserting “the
 13 amount of the loan may, in the case of the third or
 14 fourth year of a student at a school of medicine or
 15 osteopathic medicine, be increased to the extent nec-
 16 essary”.

17 (3) REPAYMENT PERIOD.—Section 722(e) of
 18 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r(e)),
 19 as amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law
 20 103–43, is amended—

21 (A) in the subsection heading by striking
 22 “TEN-YEAR” and inserting “REPAYMENT”;

23 (B) by striking “ten-year period which be-
 24 gins” and inserting “period of not less than 10

years nor more than 25 years, at the discretion of the institution, which begins”; and

(C) by striking “such ten-year period” and inserting “such period”.

(4) MINIMUM PAYMENTS.—Section 722(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r(j)), as amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law 103–43, is amended by striking “\$15” and inserting “\$40”.

(b) ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR LOAN COLLECTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 722 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r), as amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law 103–43, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR LOAN COLLECTIONS.—

“(1) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this subsection to ensure that obligations to repay loans under this section are enforced without regard to any Federal or State statutory, regulatory, or administrative limitation on the period within which debts may be enforced.

1 “(2) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other
 2 provision of Federal or State law, no limitation shall
 3 terminate the period within which suit may be filed,
 4 a judgment may be enforced, or an offset, garnish-
 5 ment, or other action may be initiated or taken by
 6 a school that has an agreement with the Secretary
 7 pursuant to section 721 that is seeking the repay-
 8 ment of the amount due from a borrower on a loan
 9 made under this subpart after the default of the bor-
 10 rower on such loan.”.

11 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
 12 by paragraph (1) shall be effective with respect to
 13 actions pending on or after the date of enactment of
 14 this Act.

15 (c) DATE CERTAIN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.—Para-
 16 graph (2) of section 735(e) of the Public Health Service
 17 Act (42 U.S.C. 292y(e)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

18 “(2) DATE CERTAIN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.—
 19 Amounts described in paragraph (1) that are re-
 20 turned to the Secretary shall be obligated before the
 21 end of the succeeding fiscal year.”.

1 **CHAPTER 2—INSURED HEALTH EDUCATION**
 2 **ASSISTANCE LOANS TO GRADUATE STUDENTS**
 3 **SEC. 141. HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PRO-**
 4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN
 6 DEFERMENT FOR BORROWERS PROVIDING HEALTH
 7 SERVICES TO INDIANS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 705(a)(2)(C) of the
 9 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 10 292d(a)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “and (x)”
 11 and inserting “(x) not in excess of three years, dur-
 12 ing which the borrower is providing health care serv-
 13 ices to Indians through an Indian health program
 14 (as defined in section 108(a)(2)(A) of the Indian
 15 Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
 16 1616a(a)(2)(A)); and (xi)”.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
 18 705(a)(2)(C) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 19 U.S.C. 292d(a)(2)(C)) is further amended—

20 (A) in clause (xi) (as so redesignated) by
 21 striking “(ix)” and inserting “(x)”; and

22 (B) in the matter following such clause
 23 (xi), by striking “(x)” and inserting “(xi)”.

24 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 25 by this subsection shall apply with respect to serv-
 26 ices provided on or after the first day of the third

1 month that begins after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

3 ~~(b) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Section 709(b) of the~~
4 ~~Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292h(b)) is~~
5 ~~amended—~~

6 ~~(1) in paragraph (4)(B), by adding “and” after~~
7 ~~the semicolon;~~

8 ~~(2) in paragraph (5), by striking “; and” and~~
9 ~~inserting a period; and~~

10 ~~(3) by striking paragraph (6).~~

11 ~~(c) COLLECTION FROM ESTATES.—Section 714 of~~
12 ~~the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292m) is amend-~~
13 ~~ed by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Not-~~
14 ~~withstanding the first sentence, the Secretary may, in the~~
15 ~~case of a borrower who dies, collect any remaining unpaid~~
16 ~~balance owed to the lender, the holder of the loan, or the~~
17 ~~Federal Government from the borrower’s estate.”.~~

18 ~~(d) PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—~~

19 ~~(1) LIMITATIONS ON LOANS.—Section 703(a) of~~
20 ~~the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292b(a))~~
21 ~~is amended by striking “or clinical psychology” and~~
22 ~~inserting “or behavioral and mental health practice;~~
23 ~~including clinical psychology”.~~

24 ~~(2) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—~~

25 ~~Section 719(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42~~

1 U.S.C. 292o(1)) is amended by striking “or clinical
 2 psychology” and inserting “or behavioral and mental
 3 health practice, including clinical psychology”.

4 **SEC. 142. HEAL LENDER AND HOLDER PERFORMANCE**
 5 **STANDARDS.**

6 (a) **GENERAL AMENDMENTS.**—Section 707(a) of the
 7 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292f) is amended—

8 (1) by striking the last sentence;

9 (2) by striking “determined.” and inserting
 10 “determined, except that, if the insurance bene-
 11 ficiary including any servicer of the loan is not des-
 12 ignated for ‘exceptional performance’, as set forth in
 13 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall pay to the bene-
 14 ficiary a sum equal to 98 percent of the amount of
 15 the loss sustained by the insured upon that loan.”;

16 (3) by striking “Upon” and inserting:

17 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Upon”; and

18 (4) by adding at the end the following new
 19 paragraph:

20 “(2) **EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE.**—

21 “(A) **AUTHORITY.**—Where the Secretary
 22 determines that an eligible lender, holder, or
 23 servicer has a compliance performance rating
 24 that equals or exceeds 97 percent, the Secretary
 25 shall designate that eligible lender, holder, or

1 servicer, as the case may be, for exceptional
2 performance.

3 “(B) COMPLIANCE PERFORMANCE RAT-
4 ING.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), a
5 compliance performance rating is determined
6 with respect to compliance with due diligence in
7 the disbursement, servicing, and collection of
8 loans under this subpart for each year for
9 which the determination is made. Such rating
10 shall be equal to the percentage of all due dili-
11 gence requirements applicable to each loan, on
12 average, as established by the Secretary, with
13 respect to loans serviced during the period by
14 the eligible lender, holder, or servicer.

15 “(C) ANNUAL AUDITS FOR LENDERS,
16 HOLDERS, AND SERVICERS.—Each eligible lend-
17 er, holder, or servicer desiring a designation
18 under subparagraph (A) shall have an annual
19 financial and compliance audit conducted with
20 respect to the loan portfolio of such eligible
21 lender, holder, or servicer, by a qualified inde-
22 pendent organization from a list of qualified or-
23 ganizations identified by the Secretary and in
24 accordance with standards established by the
25 Secretary. The standards shall measure the

1 lender's, holder's, or servicer's compliance with
 2 due diligence standards and shall include a de-
 3 fined statistical sampling technique designed to
 4 measure the performance rating of the eligible
 5 lender, holder, or servicer for the purpose of
 6 this section. Each eligible lender, holder, or
 7 servicer shall submit the audit required by this
 8 section to the Secretary.

9 “(D) SECRETARY’S DETERMINATIONS.—

10 The Secretary shall make the determination
 11 under subparagraph (A) based upon the audits
 12 submitted under this paragraph and any infor-
 13 mation in the possession of the Secretary or
 14 submitted by any other agency or office of the
 15 Federal Government.

16 “(E) QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE AUDIT.—

17 To maintain its status as an exceptional per-
 18 former, the lender, holder, or servicer shall un-
 19 dergo a quarterly compliance audit at the end
 20 of each quarter (other than the quarter in
 21 which status as an exceptional performer is es-
 22 tablished through a financial and compliance
 23 audit, as described in subparagraph (C)), and
 24 submit the results of such audit to the Sec-
 25 retary. The compliance audit shall review com-

1 pliance with due diligence requirements for the
2 period beginning on the day after the ending
3 date of the previous audit, in accordance with
4 standards determined by the Secretary.

5 “(F) REVOCATION AUTHORITY.—The Sec-
6 retary shall revoke the designation of a lender,
7 holder, or servicer under subparagraph (A) if
8 any quarterly audit required under subpara-
9 graph (E) is not received by the Secretary by
10 the date established by the Secretary or if the
11 audit indicates the lender, holder, or servicer
12 has failed to meet the standards for designation
13 as an exceptional performer under subpara-
14 graph (A). A lender, holder, or servicer receiv-
15 ing a compliance audit not meeting the stand-
16 ard for designation as an exceptional performer
17 may reapply for designation under subpara-
18 graph (A) at any time.

19 “(G) DOCUMENTATION.—Nothing in this
20 section shall restrict or limit the authority of
21 the Secretary to require the submission of
22 claims documentation evidencing servicing per-
23 formed on loans, except that the Secretary may
24 not require exceptional performers to submit
25 greater documentation than that required for

1 lenders, holders, and servicers not designated
2 under subparagraph (A).

3 “(H) COST OF AUDITS.—Each eligible
4 lender, holder, or servicer shall pay for all the
5 costs associated with the audits required under
6 this section.

7 “(I) ADDITIONAL REVOCATION AUTHOR-
8 ITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 this section, a designation under subparagraph
10 (A) may be revoked at any time by the Sec-
11 retary if the Secretary determines that the eligi-
12 ble lender, holder, or servicer has failed to
13 maintain an overall level of compliance consist-
14 ent with the audit submitted by the eligible
15 lender, holder, or servicer under this paragraph
16 or if the Secretary asserts that the lender, hold-
17 er, or servicer may have engaged in fraud in se-
18 curing designation under subparagraph (A) or
19 is failing to service loans in accordance with
20 program requirements.

21 “(J) NONCOMPLIANCE.—A lender, holder,
22 or servicer designated under subparagraph (A)
23 that fails to service loans or otherwise comply
24 with applicable program regulations shall be

1 considered in violation of the Federal False
2 Claims Act.”.

3 (b) **DEFINITION.**—Section 707(e) of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292f(e)) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(4) The term ‘servicer’ means any agency act-
7 ing on behalf of the insurance beneficiary.”.

8 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
9 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to loans
10 submitted to the Secretary for payment on or after the
11 first day of the sixth month that begins after the date
12 of enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 143. REAUTHORIZATION.**

14 (a) **LOAN PROGRAM.**—Section 702(a) of the Public
15 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292a(a)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “\$350,000,000” and all that fol-
17 lows through “1995” and inserting “\$350,000,000
18 for fiscal year 1998, \$375,000,000 for fiscal year
19 1999, and \$425,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
20 2000 through 2002”;

21 (2) by striking “obtained prior loans insured
22 under this subpart” and inserting “obtained loans
23 insured under this subpart in fiscal year 2002 or in
24 prior fiscal years”;

1 (3) by adding at the end thereof the following
 2 new sentence: “The Secretary may establish guide-
 3 lines and procedures that lenders must follow in dis-
 4 tributing funds under this subpart.”; and

5 (4) by striking “September 30, 1998” and in-
 6 serting “September 30, 2005”.

7 (b) **INSURANCE PROGRAM.**—Section 710(a)(2)(B) of
 8 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292i(a)(2)(B))
 9 is amended by striking “any of the fiscal years 1993
 10 through 1996” and inserting “fiscal year 1993 and subse-
 11 quent fiscal years”.

12 **SEC. 144. HEALTH BANKRUPTCY.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 707(g) of the Public
 14 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292f(g)) is amended in the
 15 first sentence by striking “A debt which is a loan insured”
 16 and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of
 17 Federal or State law, a debt that is a loan insured”.

18 (b) **APPLICATION.**—The amendment made by sub-
 19 section (a) shall apply to any loan insured under the au-
 20 thority of subpart I of part A of title VII of the Public
 21 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 et seq.) that is listed
 22 or scheduled by the debtor in a case under title XI, United
 23 States Code, filed—

24 (1) on or after the date of enactment of this
 25 Act; or

1 (2) prior to such date of enactment in which a
2 discharge has not been granted.

3 **SEC. 145. HEAL REFINANCING.**

4 Section 706 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 292e) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
8 “CONSOLIDATION” and inserting “REFINANC-
9 ING OR CONSOLIDATION”; and

10 (B) in the first sentence, by striking “in-
11 debtedness” and inserting “indebtedness or the
12 refinancing of a single loan”; and

13 (2) in subsection (e)—

14 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
15 “DEBTS” and inserting “DEBTS AND REFI-
16 NANCING”; and

17 (B) in the first sentence, by striking “all
18 of the borrower’s debts into a single instru-
19 ment” and inserting “all of the borrower’s loans
20 insured under this subpart into a single instru-
21 ment (or, if the borrower obtained only 1 loan
22 insured under this subpart, refinancing the loan
23 1 time)”; and

1 (C) in the second sentence, by striking
 2 “consolidation” and inserting “consolidation or
 3 refinancing”.

4 **TITLE II—OFFICE OF MINORITY** 5 **HEALTH**

6 **SEC. 201. REVISION AND EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS OF OF-** 7 **FICE OF MINORITY HEALTH.**

8 (a) DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1707 of
 9 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300a-6) is
 10 amended by striking subsection (b) and all that follows
 11 and inserting the following:

12 “(b) DUTIES.—With respect to improving the health
 13 of racial and ethnic minority groups, the Secretary, acting
 14 through the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority
 15 Health (in this section referred to as the ‘Deputy Assist-
 16 ant Secretary’), shall carry out the following:

17 “(1) Establish short-range and long-range goals
 18 and objectives and coordinate all other activities
 19 within the Public Health Service that relate to dis-
 20 ease prevention, health promotion, service delivery,
 21 and research concerning such individuals. The heads
 22 of each of the agencies of the Service shall consult
 23 with the Deputy Assistant Secretary to ensure the
 24 coordination of such activities.

1 “(2) Enter into interagency agreements with
2 other agencies of the Public Health Service.

3 “(3) Support research, demonstrations and
4 evaluations to test new and innovative models.

5 “(4) Increase knowledge and understanding of
6 health risk factors.

7 “(5) Develop mechanisms that support better
8 information dissemination, education, prevention,
9 and service delivery to individuals from disadvan-
10 taged backgrounds, including individuals who are
11 members of racial or ethnic minority groups.

12 “(6) Ensure that the National Center for
13 Health Statistics collects data on the health status
14 of each minority group.

15 “(7) With respect to individuals who lack pro-
16 ficiency in speaking the English language, enter into
17 contracts with public and nonprofit private providers
18 of primary health services for the purpose of increas-
19 ing the access of the individuals to such services by
20 developing and carrying out programs to provide bi-
21 lingual or interpretive services.

22 “(8) Support a national minority health re-
23 source center to carry out the following:

24 “(A) Facilitate the exchange of informa-
25 tion regarding matters relating to health infor-

1 mation and health promotion, preventive health
 2 services, and education in the appropriate use
 3 of health care.

4 “(B) Facilitate access to such information.

5 “(C) Assist in the analysis of issues and
 6 problems relating to such matters.

7 “(D) Provide technical assistance with re-
 8 spect to the exchange of such information (in-
 9 cluding facilitating the development of materials
 10 for such technical assistance).

11 “(9) Carry out programs to improve access to
 12 health care services for individuals with limited pro-
 13 ficiency in speaking the English language. Activities
 14 under the preceding sentence shall include develop-
 15 ing and evaluating model projects.

16 “(c) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
 18 lish an advisory committee to be known as the Advi-
 19 sory Committee on Minority Health (in this sub-
 20 section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

21 “(2) DUTIES.—The Committee shall provide
 22 advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary carrying
 23 out this section, including advice on the development
 24 of goals and specific program activities under para-

1 graphs (1) through (9) of subsection (b) for each ra-
2 cial and ethnic minority group.

3 ~~“(3) CHAIR.—~~The chairperson of the Commit-
4 tee shall be selected by the Secretary from among
5 the members of the voting members of the Commit-
6 tee. The term of office of the chairperson shall be
7 ~~2~~ years.

8 ~~“(4) COMPOSITION.—~~

9 ~~“(A) The Committee shall be composed of~~
10 ~~12~~ voting members appointed in accordance
11 with subparagraph (B), and nonvoting, ex offi-
12 cio members designated in subparagraph (C).

13 ~~“(B) The voting members of the Commit-~~
14 tee shall be appointed by the Secretary from
15 among individuals who are not officers or em-
16 ployees of the Federal Government and who
17 have expertise regarding issues of minority
18 health. The racial and ethnic minority groups
19 shall be equally represented among such mem-
20 bers.

21 ~~“(C) The nonvoting, ex officio members of~~
22 the Committee shall be such officials of the De-
23 partment of Health and Human Services as the
24 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

1 “(5) TERMS.—Each member of the Committee
2 shall serve for a term of 4 years, except that the
3 Secretary shall initially appoint a portion of the
4 members to terms of 1 year, 2 years, and 3 years.

5 “(6) VACANCIES.—If a vacancy occurs on the
6 Committee, a new member shall be appointed by the
7 Secretary within 90 days from the date that the va-
8 cancy occurs, and serve for the remainder of the
9 term for which the predecessor of such member was
10 appointed. The vacancy shall not affect the power of
11 the remaining members to execute the duties of the
12 Committee.

13 “(7) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Com-
14 mittee who are officers or employees of the United
15 States shall serve without compensation. Members of
16 the Committee who are not officers or employees of
17 the United States shall receive compensation, for
18 each day (including travel time) they are engaged in
19 the performance of the functions of the Committee.
20 Such compensation may not be in an amount in ex-
21 cess of the daily equivalent of the annual maximum
22 rate of basic pay payable under the General Sched-
23 ule (under title 5, United States Code) for positions
24 above GS-15.

1 “(d) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DU-
2 THES.—

3 “(1) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LAN-
4 GUAGE AS IMPEDIMENT TO HEALTH CARE.—The
5 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health
6 shall consult with the Director of the Office of Refu-
7 gee Health, the Director of the Office of Civil
8 Rights, and the Directors of other appropriate De-
9 partmental entities regarding recommendations for
10 carrying out activities under subsection (b)(9).

11 “(2) EQUITABLE ALLOCATION REGARDING AC-
12 TIVITIES.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In making awards of
14 grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts
15 under this section or section 338A, 338C,
16 340A, 404, or 724, or part B of title VII, the
17 Secretary, acting as appropriate through the
18 Deputy Assistant Secretary or the Adminis-
19 trator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-
20 ministration, shall ensure that such awards are
21 equitably allocated with respect to the various
22 racial and minority populations.

23 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to
24 grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts

that are available under the sections specified in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

“(i) carry out activities to inform entities, as appropriate, that the entities may be eligible for awards of such assistance;

“(ii) provide technical assistance to such entities in the process of preparing and submitting applications for the awards in accordance with the policies of the Secretary regarding such application; and

“(iii) inform populations, as appropriate, that members of the populations may be eligible to receive services or otherwise participate in the activities carried out with such awards.

“(3) CULTURAL COMPETENCY OF SERVICES.—

The Secretary shall ensure that information and services provided pursuant to subsection (b) are provided in the language, educational, and cultural context that is most appropriate for the individuals for whom the information and services are intended.

“(e) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS REGARDING DUTIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection (b), the Secretary acting through the Deputy Assist-

1 ant Secretary may make awards of grants, coopera-
 2 tive agreements, and contracts to public and non-
 3 profit private entities.

4 “(2) PROCESS FOR MAKING AWARDS.—The
 5 Deputy Assistant Secretary shall ensure that awards
 6 under paragraph (1) are made only on a competitive
 7 basis, and that a grant is awarded for a proposal
 8 only if the proposal has been recommended for such
 9 an award through a process of peer review.

10 “(3) EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION.—The
 11 Deputy Assistant Secretary, directly or through con-
 12 tracts with public and private entities, shall provide
 13 for evaluations of projects carried out with awards
 14 made under paragraph (1) during the preceding 2
 15 fiscal years. The report shall be included in the re-
 16 port required under subsection (f) for the fiscal year
 17 involved.

18 “(f) REPORTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1
 20 of fiscal year 1999 and of each second year there-
 21 after, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
 22 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
 23 resentatives, and to the Committee on Labor and
 24 Human Resources of the Senate, a report describing
 25 the activities carried out under this section during

the preceding 2 fiscal years and evaluating the extent to which such activities have been effective in improving the health of racial and ethnic minority groups. Each such report shall include the biennial reports submitted under sections 201(e)(3) and 201(f)(2) for such years by the heads of the Public Health Service agencies.

“(2) AGENCY REPORTS.—Not later than February 1, 1999, and biennially thereafter, the heads of the Public Health Service agencies shall submit to the Deputy Assistant Secretary a report summarizing the minority health activities of each of the respective agencies.

“(g) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) The term ‘racial and ethnic minority group’ means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts); Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; Blacks; and Hispanics.

“(2) The term ‘Hispanic’ means individuals whose origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish-speaking country.

“(h) FUNDING.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

For the purpose of carrying out this section, there

1 are authorized to be appropriated \$30,000,000 for
 2 fiscal year 1998, such sums as may be necessary for
 3 each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.

4 “(2) NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATIS-
 5 TICS.—For the purpose of enabling the National
 6 Center for Health Statistics to collect data on His-
 7 panics and major Hispanic subpopulation groups;
 8 American Indians; and to develop special area popu-
 9 lation studies on major Asian American and Pacific
 10 Islander populations, there are authorized to be ap-
 11 propriated \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, such
 12 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
 13 years 1999 through 2002.”

14 (b) MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS.—Section 1707
 15 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u-6) is
 16 amended—

17 (1) in the heading for the section by striking
 18 “ESTABLISHMENT OF”; and

19 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “Office of the
 20 Assistant Secretary for Health” and inserting “Of-
 21 fice of Public Health and Science”.

TITLE III—SELECTED INITIATIVES

SEC. 301. STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 338J of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254r) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “in cash”; and

(2) in subsection (j)(1)—

(A) by striking “and” after “1992,”; and

(B) by inserting before the period the following: “, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1998 through 2002”; and

(3) in subsection (k), by striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$20,000,000”.

(b) REPEAL.—Effective on October 1, 2002, section 338J of the Public Health Service Act is repealed.

SEC. 302. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 398(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280e–3(a)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “not less than 5, and not more than 15,”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by inserting after “disorders” the fol-
 2 lowing: “who are living in single family homes
 3 or in congregate settings”; and

4 (B) by striking “and” at the end;

5 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
 6 graph (4); and

7 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-
 8 ing:

9 “(3) to improve the access of such individuals
 10 to home-based or community-based long-term care
 11 services (subject to the services being provided by
 12 entities that were providing such services in the
 13 State involved as of October 1, 1995), particularly
 14 such individuals who are members of racial or ethnic
 15 minority groups, who have limited proficiency in
 16 speaking the English language, or who live in rural
 17 areas; and”.

18 (b) DURATION.—Section 398A of the Public Health
 19 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280c-4) is amended—

20 (1) in the heading for the section, by striking
 21 “**LIMITATION**” and all that follows and inserting
 22 “**REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING**
 23 **FUNDS**”;

24 (2) by striking subsection (a);

1 ~~(3)~~ by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
2 subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

3 ~~(4)~~ in subsection (a) (as so redesignated), in
4 each of paragraphs (1)(C) and (2)(C), by striking
5 “third year” and inserting “third or subsequent
6 year”.

7 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section
8 398B(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
9 280e-5(e)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “and such sums” and inserting
11 “such sums”; and

12 (2) by inserting before the period the following:
13 “, \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums
14 as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
15 1999 through 2002”.

16 **SEC. 303. PROJECT GRANTS FOR IMMUNIZATION SERVICES.**

17 Section 317(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42
18 U.S.C. 247b(j)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “individuals
20 against vaccine-preventable diseases” and all that
21 follows through the first period and inserting the fol-
22 lowing: “children, adolescents, and adults against
23 vaccine-preventable diseases, there are authorized to
24 be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
25 each of the fiscal years 1998 through 2002.”; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “1990” and inserting “1997”.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING PUBLIC LAW 103-183.

(a) AMENDATORY INSTRUCTIONS.—Public Law 103-183 is amended—

(1) in section 601—

(A) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Section 1201 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d)” and inserting “Title XII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d et seq.)”; and

(B) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “in section 1204(e)” and inserting “in section 1203(e) (as redesignated by subsection (b)(2) of this section)”;

(2) in section 602, by striking “for the purpose” and inserting “For the purpose”; and

(3) in section 705(b), by striking “317D(l)(1)” and inserting “317D(l)(1)”.

1 (b) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—The Public
 2 Health Service Act, as amended by Public Law 103–183
 3 and by subsection (a) of this section, is amended—

4 (1) in section 317E(g)(2), by striking “making
 5 grants under subsection (b)” and inserting “carrying
 6 out subsection (b)”;

7 (2) in section 318, in subsection (e) as in effect
 8 on the day before the date of the enactment of Pub-
 9 lic Law 103–183, by redesignating the subsection as
 10 subsection (f);

11 (3) in subpart 6 of part C of title IV—

12 (A) by transferring the first section 447
 13 (added by section 302 of Public Law 103–183)
 14 from the current placement of the section;

15 (B) by redesignating the section as section
 16 447A; and

17 (C) by inserting the section after section
 18 447;

19 (4) in section 1213(a)(8), by striking “provides
 20 for for” and inserting “provides for”;

21 (5) in section 1501, by redesignating the second
 22 subsection (e) (added by section 101(f) of Public
 23 Law 103–183) as subsection (d); and

24 (6) in section 1505(3), by striking “nonprivate”
 25 and inserting “private”.

1 (c) MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTION.—Section
 2 401(c)(3) of Public Law 103–183 is amended in the mat-
 3 ter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “(d)(5)” and
 4 inserting “(e)(5)”.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section is deemed to
 6 have taken effect immediately after the enactment of Pub-
 7 lic Law 103–183.

8 **SEC. 402. MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS REGARDING PHS**
 9 **COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**

10 (a) ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS.—Amend section
 11 212 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 213) by
 12 adding the following new subsection at the end thereof:

13 “(f) Active service of commissioned officers of the
 14 Service shall be deemed to be active military service in
 15 the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of
 16 all laws related to discrimination on the basis of race,
 17 color, gender, ethnicity, age, religion, and disability.”

18 (b) TRAINING IN LEAVE WITHOUT PAY STATUS.—
 19 Section 218 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 20 218a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(e) A commissioned officer may be placed in leave
 22 without pay status while attending an educational institu-
 23 tion or training program whenever the Secretary deter-
 24 mines that such status is in the best interest of the Serv-
 25 ice. For purposes of computation of basic pay, promotion,

1 retirement, compensation for injury or death, and the ben-
 2 efits provided by sections 212 and 224, an officer in such
 3 status pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be consid-
 4 ered as performing service in the Service and shall have
 5 an active service obligation as set forth in subsection (b)
 6 of this section.”.

7 (e) UTILIZATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE
 8 RECORDS THAT APPLY TO THE ARMED FORCES.—Sec-
 9 tion 543(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 10 290dd-2(e)) is amended by striking “Armed Forces” each
 11 place that such term appears and inserting “Uniformed
 12 Services”.

13 **SEC. 403. CLINICAL TRAINEESHIPS.**

14 Section 303(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act
 15 (42 U.S.C. 242a(d)(1)) is amended by inserting “counsel-
 16 ing,” after “family therapy,”.

17 **SEC. 404. PROJECT GRANTS FOR SCREENINGS, REFERRALS,**
 18 **AND EDUCATION REGARDING LEAD POISON-**
 19 **ING.**

20 Section 317A(l)(1) of the Public Health Service Act
 21 (42 U.S.C. 247b-1(l)(1)) is amended by striking “1998”
 22 and inserting “2004”.

1 **SEC. 405. PROJECT GRANTS FOR PREVENTIVE HEALTH**
 2 **SERVICES REGARDING TUBERCULOSIS.**

3 Section 317E(g)(1) of the Public Health Service Act
 4 (42 U.S.C. 247b-6(g)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “1998”
 6 and inserting “2004”; and

7 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 8 “\$50,000,000” and inserting “25 percent”.

9 **SEC. 406. CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF CENTERS FOR DIS-**
 10 **EASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title III of the Public
 12 Health Service Act is amended by inserting after section
 13 317H the following section:

14 “MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITIES REGARDING CENTERS
 15 FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

16 “SEC. 317I. The Secretary, acting through the Direc-
 17 tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
 18 may, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United
 19 States Code, governing appointments in the competitive
 20 service, and without regard to the provisions of chapter
 21 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating
 22 to classification and General Schedule pay rates, establish
 23 such technical and scientific peer review groups and sci-
 24 entific program advisory committees as are needed to
 25 carry out the functions of such Centers and appoint and
 26 pay the members of such groups, except that officers and

1 employees of the United States shall not receive additional
 2 compensation for service as members of such groups. The
 3 Federal Advisory Committee Act shall not apply to the
 4 duration of such peer review groups. Not more than one-
 5 fourth of the members of any such group shall be officers
 6 or employees of the United States.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section is deemed to
 8 have taken effect July 1, 1995.

9 **SEC. 407. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON DOMESTIC VIO-**
 10 **LENCE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 318(h)(2) of the Family
 12 Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 10418(h)(2)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997”
 14 and inserting “for each of the fiscal years 1997 through
 15 2002”.

16 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
 17 Services shall request that the Institute of Medicine con-
 18 duct a study concerning the training needs of health pro-
 19 fessionals with respect to the detection and referral of vic-
 20 tims of family or acquaintance violence. Not later than 2
 21 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Institute
 22 of Medicine shall prepare and submit to Congress a report
 23 concerning the study conducted under this subsection.

1 **SEC. 408. STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

2 Section ~~338I(i)(1)~~ of the Public Health Service Act
 3 (~~42 U.S.C. 254q-1(i)(1)~~) is amended by inserting before
 4 the period “, and such sums as may be necessary for each
 5 of the fiscal years 1998 through 2002”.

6 **SEC. 409. CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONAL CENTERS FOR RE-**
 7 **SEARCH ON PRIMATES.**

8 Section 481B(a) of the Public Health Service Act (~~42~~
 9 ~~U.S.C. 287a-3(a)~~) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “shall” and inserting “may”;
 11 and

12 (2) by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting “up
 13 to \$2,500,000”.

14 **SEC. 410. PEER REVIEW.**

15 Section 504(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act
 16 (~~42 U.S.C. 290aa-3(d)(2)~~) is amended by striking “coop-
 17 erative agreement, or contract” each place that such ap-
 18 pears and inserting “or cooperative agreement”.

19 **SEC. 411. FUNDING FOR TRAUMA CARE.**

20 Section ~~1232(a)~~ of the Public Health Service Act (~~42~~
 21 ~~U.S.C. 300d-32~~) is amended by striking “and 1996” and
 22 inserting “through 2002”.

1 **SEC. 412. HEALTH INFORMATION AND HEALTH PRO-**
 2 **MOTION.**

3 Section 1701(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 4 U.S.C. 300u(b)) is amended by striking “through 1996”
 5 and inserting “through 2002”.

6 **SEC. 413. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.**

7 Section 1910 of the Public Health Service Act (42
 8 U.S.C. 300w-9) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by striking “two-year period” and in-
 11 serting “3-year period (with an optional 4th
 12 year based on performance)”; and

13 (B) by striking “one grant” and inserting
 14 “3 grants”; and

15 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “1997” and
 16 inserting “2005”.

17 **SEC. 414. ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.**

18 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2004 of Public Law 103-
 19 43 (107 Stat. 209) is amended by striking subsection (a).

20 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 2004 of
 21 Public Law 103-43, as amended by subsection (a) of this
 22 section, is amended—

23 (1) by striking “(b) SENSE” and all that follows
 24 through “In the case” and inserting the following:

1 “(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING PURCHASE
2 OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS.—In
3 the case”;

4 (2) by striking “(2) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF
5 ASSISTANCE” and inserting the following:

6 “(b) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE”; and
7 (3) in subsection (b), as redesignated by para-
8 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking “paragraph
9 (1)” and inserting “subsection (a)”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section is deemed to
11 have taken effect immediately after the enactment of Pub-
12 lic Law 103–43.

13 **SEC. 415. AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

14 Section 2618(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 300ff–28(b)(3)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and the
17 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” and inserting “, the
18 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
19 and Guam”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “the Virgin Is-
21 lands, Guam”.

22 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

23 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the
24 “Health Professions Education Partnerships Act of 1998”.

- 1 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this*
 2 *Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

*TITLE I—HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS*

Subtitle A—Health Professions Education Programs

- Sec. 101. Under-represented minority health professions grant program.*
Sec. 102. Training in primary care medicine and dentistry.
Sec. 103. Interdisciplinary, community-based linkages.
Sec. 104. Health professions workforce information and analysis.
Sec. 105. Public health workforce development.
Sec. 106. General provisions.
Sec. 107. Preference in certain programs.
Sec. 108. Definitions.
Sec. 109. Technical amendment on National Health Service Corps.
Sec. 110. Savings provision.

Subtitle B—Nursing Workforce Development

- Sec. 121. Short title.*
Sec. 122. Purpose.
Sec. 123. Amendments to Public Health Service Act.
Sec. 124. Savings provision.

Subtitle C—Financial Assistance

CHAPTER 1—SCHOOL-BASED REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS

- Sec. 131. Primary care loan program.*
Sec. 132. Loans for disadvantaged students.
Sec. 133. Student loans regarding schools of nursing.
Sec. 134. General provisions.

*CHAPTER 2—INSURED HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOANS TO
GRADUATE STUDENTS*

- Sec. 141. Health Education Assistance Loan Program.*
Sec. 142. HEAL lender and holder performance standards.
Sec. 143. Reauthorization.
Sec. 144. HEAL bankruptcy.
Sec. 145. HEAL refinancing.

TITLE II—OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH

- Sec. 201. Revision and extension of programs of Office of Minority Health.*

TITLE III—SELECTED INITIATIVES

- Sec. 301. State offices of rural health.*
Sec. 302. Demonstration projects regarding Alzheimer's Disease.
Sec. 303. Project grants for immunization services.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 401. Technical corrections regarding Public Law 103–183.
 Sec. 402. Miscellaneous amendments regarding PHS commissioned officers.
 Sec. 403. Clinical traineeships.
 Sec. 404. Project grants for screenings, referrals, and education regarding lead poisoning.
 Sec. 405. Project grants for preventive health services regarding tuberculosis.
 Sec. 406. CDC loan repayment program.
 Sec. 407. Community programs on domestic violence.
 Sec. 408. State loan repayment program.
 Sec. 409. Authority of the director of NIH.
 Sec. 410. Raise in maximum level of loan repayments.
 Sec. 411. Construction of regional centers for research on primates.
 Sec. 412. Peer review.
 Sec. 413. Funding for trauma care.
 Sec. 414. Health information and health promotion.
 Sec. 415. Emergency medical services for children.
 Sec. 416. Administration of certain requirements.
 Sec. 417. Aids drug assistance program.
 Sec. 418. National Foundation for Biomedical Research.

1 **TITLE I—HEALTH PROFESSIONS**
 2 **EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL**
 3 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
 4 **Subtitle A—Health Professions**
 5 **Education Programs**

6 **SEC. 101. UNDER-REPRESENTED MINORITY HEALTH PRO-**
 7 **FESSIONS GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Part B of title VII of the Public
 9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293 et seq.) is amended to
 10 read as follows:

11 **“PART B—HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING FOR**
 12 **DIVERSITY**

13 **“SEC. 736. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

14 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall make grants
 15 to, and enter into contracts with, designated health profes-
 16 sions schools described in subsection (c), and other public

1 *and nonprofit health or educational entities, for the purpose*
2 *of assisting the schools in supporting programs of excellence*
3 *in health professions education for under-represented mi-*
4 *nority individuals.*

5 “(b) *REQUIRED USE OF FUNDS.*—*The Secretary may*
6 *not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the designated*
7 *health professions school involved agrees, subject to sub-*
8 *section (c)(1)(C), to expend the grant—*

9 “(1) *to develop a large competitive applicant*
10 *pool through linkages with institutions of higher edu-*
11 *cation, local school districts, and other community-*
12 *based entities and establish an education pipeline for*
13 *health professions careers;*

14 “(2) *to establish, strengthen, or expand programs*
15 *to enhance the academic performance of under-rep-*
16 *resented minority students attending the school;*

17 “(3) *to improve the capacity of such school to*
18 *train, recruit, and retain under-represented minority*
19 *faculty including the payment of such stipends and*
20 *fellowships as the Secretary may determine appro-*
21 *priate;*

22 “(4) *to carry out activities to improve the infor-*
23 *mation resources, clinical education, curricula and*
24 *cultural competence of the graduates of the school, as*
25 *it relates to minority health issues;*

1 “(5) to facilitate faculty and student research on
 2 health issues particularly affecting under-represented
 3 minority groups, including research on issues relating
 4 to the delivery of health care;

5 “(6) to carry out a program to train students of
 6 the school in providing health services to a significant
 7 number of under-represented minority individuals
 8 through training provided to such students at commu-
 9 nity-based health facilities that—

10 “(A) provide such health services; and

11 “(B) are located at a site remote from the
 12 main site of the teaching facilities of the school;
 13 and

14 “(7) to provide stipends as the Secretary deter-
 15 mines appropriate, in amounts as the Secretary de-
 16 termines appropriate.

17 “(c) *CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE*.—

18 “(1) *DESIGNATED SCHOOLS*.—

19 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—The designated health
 20 professions schools referred to in subsection (a)
 21 are such schools that meet each of the conditions
 22 specified in subparagraphs (B) and (C), and
 23 that—

24 “(i) meet each of the conditions speci-
 25 fied in paragraph (2)(A);

1 “(ii) meet each of the conditions speci-
2 fied in paragraph (3);

3 “(iii) meet each of the conditions speci-
4 fied in paragraph (4); or

5 “(iv) meet each of the conditions speci-
6 fied in paragraph (5).

7 “(B) GENERAL CONDITIONS.—The condi-
8 tions specified in this subparagraph are that a
9 designated health professions school—

10 “(i) has a significant number of under-
11 represented minority individuals enrolled in
12 the school, including individuals accepted
13 for enrollment in the school;

14 “(ii) has been effective in assisting
15 under-represented minority students of the
16 school to complete the program of education
17 and receive the degree involved;

18 “(iii) has been effective in recruiting
19 under-represented minority individuals to
20 enroll in and graduate from the school, in-
21 cluding providing scholarships and other fi-
22 nancial assistance to such individuals and
23 encouraging under-represented minority
24 students from all levels of the educational

1 *pipeline to pursue health professions ca-*
 2 *reers; and*

3 “(iv) *has made significant recruitment*
 4 *efforts to increase the number of under-rep-*
 5 *resented minority individuals serving in*
 6 *faculty or administrative positions at the*
 7 *school.*

8 “(C) *CONSORTIUM.—The condition specified*
 9 *in this subparagraph is that, in accordance with*
 10 *subsection (e)(1), the designated health profession*
 11 *school involved has with other health profession*
 12 *schools (designated or otherwise) formed a con-*
 13 *sortium to carry out the purposes described in*
 14 *subsection (b) at the schools of the consortium.*

15 “(D) *APPLICATION OF CRITERIA TO OTHER*
 16 *PROGRAMS.—In the case of any criteria estab-*
 17 *lished by the Secretary for purposes of determin-*
 18 *ing whether schools meet the conditions described*
 19 *in subparagraph (B), this section may not, with*
 20 *respect to racial and ethnic minorities, be con-*
 21 *strued to authorize, require, or prohibit the use*
 22 *of such criteria in any program other than the*
 23 *program established in this section.*

24 “(2) *CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AT CERTAIN HIS-*
 25 *TORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.—*

1 “(A) *CONDITIONS.*—*The conditions specified*
 2 *in this subparagraph are that a designated*
 3 *health professions school—*

4 “(i) *is a school described in section*
 5 *799B(1); and*

6 “(ii) *received a contract under section*
 7 *788B for fiscal year 1987, as such section*
 8 *was in effect for such fiscal year.*

9 “(B) *USE OF GRANT.*—*In addition to the*
 10 *purposes described in subsection (b), a grant*
 11 *under subsection (a) to a designated health pro-*
 12 *fessions school meeting the conditions described*
 13 *in subparagraph (A) may be expended—*

14 “(i) *to develop a plan to achieve insti-*
 15 *tutional improvements, including financial*
 16 *independence, to enable the school to sup-*
 17 *port programs of excellence in health profes-*
 18 *sions education for under-represented mi-*
 19 *nority individuals; and*

20 “(ii) *to provide improved access to the*
 21 *library and informational resources of the*
 22 *school.*

23 “(C) *EXCEPTION.*—*The requirements of*
 24 *paragraph (1)(C) shall not apply to a histori-*

1 *cally black college or university that receives*
 2 *funding under paragraphs (2) or (5).*

3 “(3) *HISPANIC CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—The*
 4 *conditions specified in this paragraph are that—*

5 “(A) *with respect to Hispanic individuals,*
 6 *each of clauses (i) through (iv) of paragraph*
 7 *(1)(B) applies to the designated health profes-*
 8 *sions school involved;*

9 “(B) *the school agrees, as a condition of re-*
 10 *ceiving a grant under subsection (a), that the*
 11 *school will, in carrying out the duties described*
 12 *in subsection (b), give priority to carrying out*
 13 *the duties with respect to Hispanic individuals;*
 14 *and*

15 “(C) *the school agrees, as a condition of re-*
 16 *ceiving a grant under subsection (a), that—*

17 “(i) *the school will establish an ar-*
 18 *rangement with 1 or more public or non-*
 19 *profit community based Hispanic serving*
 20 *organizations, or public or nonprofit pri-*
 21 *vate institutions of higher education, in-*
 22 *cluding schools of nursing, whose enrollment*
 23 *of students has traditionally included a sig-*
 24 *nificant number of Hispanic individuals,*

1 *the purposes of which will be to carry out*
2 *a program—*

3 *“(I) to identify Hispanic students*
4 *who are interested in a career in the*
5 *health profession involved; and*

6 *“(II) to facilitate the educational*
7 *preparation of such students to enter*
8 *the health professions school; and*

9 *“(ii) the school will make efforts to re-*
10 *cruit Hispanic students, including students*
11 *who have participated in the undergraduate*
12 *or other matriculation program carried out*
13 *under arrangements established by the*
14 *school pursuant to clause (i)(II) and will*
15 *assist Hispanic students regarding the com-*
16 *pletion of the educational requirements for*
17 *a degree from the school.*

18 *“(4) NATIVE AMERICAN CENTERS OF EXCEL-*
19 *LENCE.—Subject to subsection (e), the conditions spec-*
20 *ified in this paragraph are that—*

21 *“(A) with respect to Native Americans, each*
22 *of clauses (i) through (iv) of paragraph (1)(B)*
23 *applies to the designated health professions*
24 *school involved;*

1 “(B) the school agrees, as a condition of re-
2 ceiving a grant under subsection (a), that the
3 school will, in carrying out the duties described
4 in subsection (b), give priority to carrying out
5 the duties with respect to Native Americans; and

6 “(C) the school agrees, as a condition of re-
7 ceiving a grant under subsection (a), that—

8 “(i) the school will establish an ar-
9 rangement with 1 or more public or non-
10 profit private institutions of higher edu-
11 cation, including schools of nursing, whose
12 enrollment of students has traditionally in-
13 cluded a significant number of Native
14 Americans, the purpose of which arrange-
15 ment will be to carry out a program—

16 “(I) to identify Native American
17 students, from the institutions of high-
18 er education referred to in clause (i),
19 who are interested in health professions
20 careers; and

21 “(II) to facilitate the educational
22 preparation of such students to enter
23 the designated health professions school;
24 and

1 “(ii) the designated health professions
 2 school will make efforts to recruit Native
 3 American students, including students who
 4 have participated in the undergraduate pro-
 5 gram carried out under arrangements estab-
 6 lished by the school pursuant to clause (i)
 7 and will assist Native American students
 8 regarding the completion of the educational
 9 requirements for a degree from the des-
 10 ignated health professions school.

11 “(5) OTHER CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—The
 12 conditions specified in this paragraph are—

13 “(A) with respect to other centers of excel-
 14 lence, the conditions described in clauses (i)
 15 through (iv) of paragraph (1)(B); and

16 “(B) that the health professions school in-
 17 volved has an enrollment of under-represented
 18 minorities above the national average for such
 19 enrollments of health professions schools.

20 “(d) DESIGNATION AS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any designated health pro-
 22 fessions school receiving a grant under subsection (a)
 23 and meeting the conditions described in paragraph
 24 (2) or (5) of subsection (c) shall, for purposes of this
 25 section, be designated by the Secretary as a Center of

1 *Excellence in Under-Represented Minority Health*
 2 *Professions Education.*

3 “(2) *HISPANIC CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.*—Any
 4 *designated health professions school receiving a grant*
 5 *under subsection (a) and meeting the conditions de-*
 6 *scribed in subsection (c)(3) shall, for purposes of this*
 7 *section, be designated by the Secretary as a Hispanic*
 8 *Center of Excellence in Health Professions Education.*

9 “(3) *NATIVE AMERICAN CENTERS OF EXCEL-*
 10 *LENCE.*—Any designated health professions school re-
 11 *ceiving a grant under subsection (a) and meeting the*
 12 *conditions described in subsection (c)(4) shall, for*
 13 *purposes of this section, be designated by the Sec-*
 14 *retary as a Native American Center of Excellence in*
 15 *Health Professions Education. Any consortium receiv-*
 16 *ing such a grant pursuant to subsection (e) shall, for*
 17 *purposes of this section, be so designated.*

18 “(e) *AUTHORITY REGARDING NATIVE AMERICAN CEN-*
 19 *TERS OF EXCELLENCE.*—With respect to meeting the condi-
 20 *tions specified in subsection (c)(4), the Secretary may make*
 21 *a grant under subsection (a) to a designated health profes-*
 22 *sions school that does not meet such conditions if—*

23 “(1) *the school has formed a consortium in ac-*
 24 *cordance with subsection (d)(1); and*

1 “(2) *the schools of the consortium collectively*
 2 *meet such conditions, without regard to whether the*
 3 *schools individually meet such conditions.*

4 “(f) *DURATION OF GRANT.—The period during which*
 5 *payments are made under a grant under subsection (a)*
 6 *may not exceed 5 years. Such payments shall be subject to*
 7 *annual approval by the Secretary and to the availability*
 8 *of appropriations for the fiscal year involved to make the*
 9 *payments.*

10 “(g) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

11 “(1) *DESIGNATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS*
 12 *SCHOOL.—*

13 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The term ‘health profes-*
 14 *sions school’ means, except as provided in sub-*
 15 *paragraph (B), a school of medicine, a school of*
 16 *osteopathic medicine, a school of dentistry, a*
 17 *school of pharmacy, or a graduate program in*
 18 *behavioral or mental health.*

19 “(B) *EXCEPTION.—The definition estab-*
 20 *lished in subparagraph (A) shall not apply to*
 21 *the use of the term ‘designated health professions*
 22 *school’ for purposes of subsection (c)(2).*

23 “(2) *PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE.—The term ‘pro-*
 24 *gram of excellence’ means any program carried out*
 25 *by a designated health professions school with a grant*

1 *made under subsection (a), if the program is for pur-*
 2 *poses for which the school involved is authorized in*
 3 *subsection (b) or (c) to expend the grant.*

4 “(3) *NATIVE AMERICANS.*—*The term ‘Native*
 5 *Americans’ means American Indians, Alaskan Na-*
 6 *tives, Aleuts, and Native Hawaiians.*

7 “(h) *FUNDING.*—

8 “(1) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*For*
 9 *the purpose of making grants under subsection (a),*
 10 *there authorized to be appropriated \$26,000,000 for*
 11 *fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary*
 12 *for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.*

13 “(2) *ALLOCATIONS.*—*Based on the amount ap-*
 14 *propriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, one*
 15 *of the following subparagraphs shall apply:*

16 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*If the amounts appro-*
 17 *priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year*
 18 *are \$24,000,000 or less—*

19 “(i) *the Secretary shall make available*
 20 *\$12,000,000 for grants under subsection (a)*
 21 *to health professions schools that meet the*
 22 *conditions described in subsection (c)(2)(A);*
 23 *and*

1 “(ii) and available after grants are
2 made with funds under clause (i), the Sec-
3 retary shall make available—

4 “(I) 60 percent of such amount
5 for grants under subsection (a) to
6 health professions schools that meet the
7 conditions described in paragraph (3)
8 or (4) of subsection (c) (including
9 meeting the conditions under sub-
10 section (e)); and

11 “(II) 40 percent of such amount
12 for grants under subsection (a) to
13 health professions schools that meet the
14 conditions described in subsection
15 (c)(5).

16 “(B) FUNDING IN EXCESS OF
17 \$24,000,000.—If amounts appropriated under
18 paragraph (1) for a fiscal year exceed
19 \$24,000,000 but are less than \$30,000,000—

20 “(i) 80 percent of such excess amounts
21 shall be made available for grants under
22 subsection (a) to health professions schools
23 that meet the requirements described in
24 paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (c) (in-

cluding meeting conditions pursuant to subsection (e)); and

“(ii) 20 percent of such excess amount shall be made available for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(5).

“(C) *FUNDING IN EXCESS OF \$30,000,000.—If amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year are \$30,000,000 or more, the Secretary shall make available—*

“(i) not less than \$12,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(2)(A);

“(ii) not less than \$12,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (c) (including meeting conditions pursuant to subsection (e));

“(iii) not less than \$6,000,000 for grants under subsection (a) to health professions schools that meet the conditions described in subsection (c)(5); and

1 “(iv) after grants are made with funds
 2 under clauses (i) through (iii), any remain-
 3 ing funds for grants under subsection (a) to
 4 health professions schools that meet the con-
 5 ditions described in paragraph (2)(A), (3),
 6 (4), or (5) of subsection (c).

7 “(3) *NO LIMITATION.*—Nothing in this subsection
 8 shall be construed as limiting the centers of excellence
 9 referred to in this section to the designated amount,
 10 or to preclude such entities from competing for other
 11 grants under this section.

12 “(4) *MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.*—

13 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—With respect to activi-
 14 ties for which a grant made under this part are
 15 authorized to be expended, the Secretary may not
 16 make such a grant to a center of excellence for
 17 any fiscal year unless the center agrees to main-
 18 tain expenditures of non-Federal amounts for
 19 such activities at a level that is not less than the
 20 level of such expenditures maintained by the cen-
 21 ter for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year
 22 for which the school receives such a grant.

23 “(B) *USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.*—With re-
 24 spect to any Federal amounts received by a cen-
 25 ter of excellence and available for carrying out

1 *activities for which a grant under this part is*
 2 *authorized to be expended, the Secretary may not*
 3 *make such a grant to the center for any fiscal*
 4 *year unless the center agrees that the center will,*
 5 *before expending the grant, expend the Federal*
 6 *amounts obtained from sources other than the*
 7 *grant.*

8 **“SEC. 737. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISADVANTAGED STU-**
 9 **DENTS.**

10 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may make a grant*
 11 *to an eligible entity (as defined in subsection (d)(1)) under*
 12 *this section for the awarding of scholarships by schools to*
 13 *any full-time student who is an eligible individual as de-*
 14 *finied in subsection (d). Such scholarships may be expended*
 15 *only for tuition expenses, other reasonable educational ex-*
 16 *penses, and reasonable living expenses incurred in the at-*
 17 *tendance of such school.*

18 “(b) *PREFERENCE IN PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS.*—
 19 *The Secretary may not make a grant to an entity under*
 20 *subsection (a) unless the health professions and nursing*
 21 *schools involved agree that, in providing scholarships pur-*
 22 *suant to the grant, the schools will give preference to stu-*
 23 *dents for whom the costs of attending the schools would con-*
 24 *stitute a severe financial hardship and, notwithstanding*
 25 *other provisions of this section, to former recipients of schol-*

1 arships under sections 736 and 740(d)(2)(B) (as such sec-
 2 tions existed on the day before the date of enactment of this
 3 section).

4 “(c) *AMOUNT OF AWARD.*—In awarding grants to eli-
 5 gible entities that are health professions and nursing
 6 schools, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
 7 based on the proportion of graduating students going into
 8 primary care, the proportion of underrepresented minority
 9 students, and the proportion of graduates working in medi-
 10 cally underserved communities.

11 “(d) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

12 “(1) *ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.*—The term ‘eligible en-
 13 tities’ means an entity that—

14 “(A) is a school of medicine, osteopathic
 15 medicine, dentistry, nursing (as defined in sec-
 16 tion 801), pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optom-
 17 etry, veterinary medicine, public health, chiro-
 18 practic, or allied health, a school offering a grad-
 19 uate program in behavioral and mental health
 20 practice, or an entity providing programs for the
 21 training of physician assistants; and

22 “(B) is carrying out a program for recruit-
 23 ing and retaining students from disadvantaged
 24 backgrounds, including students who are mem-
 25 bers of racial and ethnic minority groups.

1 “(2) *ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL*.—The term ‘eligible
2 individual’ means an individual who—

3 “(A) is from a disadvantaged background;

4 “(B) has a financial need for a scholarship;

5 and

6 “(C) is enrolled (or accepted for enrollment)

7 at an eligible health professions or nursing school

8 as a full-time student in a program leading to

9 a degree in a health profession or nursing.

10 **“SEC. 738. LOAN REPAYMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS REGARD-**
11 **ING FACULTY POSITIONS.**

12 “(a) *LOAN REPAYMENTS*.—

13 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM*.—The Sec-

14 retary shall establish a program of entering into con-

15 tracts with individuals described in paragraph (2)

16 under which the individuals agree to serve as mem-

17 bers of the faculties of schools described in paragraph

18 (3) in consideration of the Federal Government agree-

19 ing to pay, for each year of such service, not more

20 than \$20,000 of the principal and interest of the edu-

21 cational loans of such individuals.

22 “(2) *ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS*.—The individuals

23 referred to in paragraph (1) are individuals from dis-

24 advantaged backgrounds who—

1 “(A) have a degree in medicine, osteopathic
2 medicine, dentistry, nursing, or another health
3 profession;

4 “(B) are enrolled in an approved graduate
5 training program in medicine, osteopathic medi-
6 cine, dentistry, nursing, or other health profes-
7 sion; or

8 “(C) are enrolled as full-time students—

9 “(i) in an accredited (as determined by
10 the Secretary) school described in para-
11 graph (3); and

12 “(ii) in the final year of a course of a
13 study or program, offered by such institu-
14 tion and approved by the Secretary, leading
15 to a degree from such a school.

16 “(3) *ELIGIBLE HEALTH PROFESSIONS*
17 *SCHOOLS.*—The schools described in this paragraph
18 are schools of medicine, nursing (as schools of nursing
19 are defined in section 801), osteopathic medicine, den-
20 tistry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine,
21 optometry, veterinary medicine, or public health, or
22 schools offering graduate programs in behavioral and
23 mental health.

1 “(4) *REQUIREMENTS REGARDING FACULTY POSI-*
 2 *TIONS.—The Secretary may not enter into a contract*
 3 *under paragraph (1) unless—*

4 “(A) *the individual involved has entered*
 5 *into a contract with a school described in para-*
 6 *graph (3) to serve as a member of the faculty of*
 7 *the school for not less than 2 years; and*

8 “(B) *the contract referred to in subpara-*
 9 *graph (A) provides that—*

10 “(i) *the school will, for each year for*
 11 *which the individual will serve as a member*
 12 *of the faculty under the contract with the*
 13 *school, make payments of the principal and*
 14 *interest due on the educational loans of the*
 15 *individual for such year in an amount*
 16 *equal to the amount of such payments made*
 17 *by the Secretary for the year;*

18 “(ii) *the payments made by the school*
 19 *pursuant to clause (i) on behalf of the indi-*
 20 *vidual will be in addition to the pay that*
 21 *the individual would otherwise receive for*
 22 *serving as a member of such faculty; and*

23 “(iii) *the school, in making a deter-*
 24 *mination of the amount of compensation to*
 25 *be provided by the school to the individual*

1 *for serving as a member of the faculty, will*
 2 *make the determination without regard to*
 3 *the amount of payments made (or to be*
 4 *made) to the individual by the Federal Gov-*
 5 *ernment under paragraph (1).*

6 “(5) *APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—*

7 *The provisions of sections 338C, 338G, and 338I shall*
 8 *apply to the program established in paragraph (1) to*
 9 *the same extent and in the same manner as such pro-*
 10 *visions apply to the National Health Service Corps*
 11 *Loan Repayment Program established in subpart III*
 12 *of part D of title III, including the applicability of*
 13 *provisions regarding reimbursements for increased tax*
 14 *liability and regarding bankruptcy.*

15 “(6) *WAIVER REGARDING SCHOOL CONTRIBU-*

16 *TIONS.—The Secretary may waive the requirement es-*
 17 *tablished in paragraph (4)(B) if the Secretary deter-*
 18 *mines that the requirement will impose an undue fi-*
 19 *nancial hardship on the school involved.*

20 “(b) *FELLOWSHIPS.—*

21 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make*

22 *grants to and enter into contracts with eligible enti-*
 23 *ties to assist such entities in increasing the number*
 24 *of underrepresented minority individuals who are*
 25 *members of the faculty of such schools.*

1 “(2) *APPLICATIONS.*—*To be eligible to receive a*
 2 *grant or contract under this subsection, an entity*
 3 *shall provide an assurance, in the application sub-*
 4 *mitted by the entity, that—*

5 “(A) *amounts received under such a grant*
 6 *or contract will be used to award a fellowship to*
 7 *an individual only if the individual meets the*
 8 *requirements of paragraphs (3) and (4); and*

9 “(B) *each fellowship awarded pursuant to*
 10 *the grant or contract will include—*

11 “(i) *a stipend in an amount not ex-*
 12 *ceeding 50 percent of the regular salary of*
 13 *a similar faculty member for not to exceed*
 14 *3 years of training; and*

15 “(ii) *an allowance for other expenses,*
 16 *such as travel to professional meetings and*
 17 *costs related to specialized training.*

18 “(3) *ELIGIBILITY.*—*To be eligible to receive a*
 19 *grant or contract under paragraph (1), an applicant*
 20 *shall demonstrate to the Secretary that such applicant*
 21 *has or will have the ability to—*

22 “(A) *identify, recruit and select underrep-*
 23 *resented minority individuals who have the po-*
 24 *tential for teaching, administration, or conduct-*
 25 *ing research at a health professions institution;*

1 “(B) provide such individuals with the
2 skills necessary to enable them to secure a
3 tenured faculty position at such institution,
4 which may include training with respect to ped-
5 agogical skills, program administration, the de-
6 sign and conduct of research, grants writing,
7 and the preparation of articles suitable for publi-
8 cation in peer reviewed journals;

9 “(C) provide services designed to assist such
10 individuals in their preparation for an academic
11 career, including the provision of counselors; and

12 “(D) provide health services to rural or
13 medically underserved populations.

14 “(4) REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible to receive a
15 grant or contract under paragraph (1) an applicant
16 shall—

17 “(A) provide an assurance that such appli-
18 cant will make available (directly through cash
19 donations) \$1 for every \$1 of Federal funds re-
20 ceived under this section for the fellowship;

21 “(B) provide an assurance that institu-
22 tional support will be provided for the individ-
23 ual for the second and third years at a level that
24 is equal to the total amount of institutional

1 *funds provided in the year in which the grant or*
 2 *contract was awarded;*

3 “(C) *provide an assurance that the individ-*
 4 *ual that will receive the fellowship will be a*
 5 *member of the faculty of the applicant school;*
 6 *and*

7 “(D) *provide an assurance that the individ-*
 8 *ual that will receive the fellowship will have, at*
 9 *a minimum, appropriate advanced preparation*
 10 *(such as a master’s or doctoral degree) and spe-*
 11 *cial skills necessary to enable such individual to*
 12 *teach and practice.*

13 “(5) *DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-*
 14 *section, the term ‘underrepresented minority individ-*
 15 *uals’ means individuals who are members of racial or*
 16 *ethnic minority groups that are underrepresented in*
 17 *the health professions including nursing.*

18 **“SEC. 739. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE HEALTH PRO-**
 19 **FESSIONS REGARDING INDIVIDUALS FROM**
 20 **DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS.**

21 “(a) *IN GENERAL.—*

22 “(1) *AUTHORITY FOR GRANTS.—For the purpose*
 23 *of assisting individuals from disadvantaged back-*
 24 *grounds, as determined in accordance with criteria*
 25 *prescribed by the Secretary, to undertake education to*

1 *enter a health profession, the Secretary may make*
2 *grants to and enter into contracts with schools of*
3 *medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, den-*
4 *tistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, al-*
5 *lied health, chiropractic, and podiatric medicine, pub-*
6 *lic and nonprofit private schools that offer graduate*
7 *programs in behavioral and mental health, programs*
8 *for the training of physician assistants, and other*
9 *public or private nonprofit health or educational enti-*
10 *ties to assist in meeting the costs described in para-*
11 *graph (2).*

12 *“(2) AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES.—A grant or*
13 *contract under paragraph (1) may be used by the en-*
14 *tity to meet the cost of—*

15 *“(A) identifying, recruiting, and selecting*
16 *individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, as*
17 *so determined, for education and training in a*
18 *health profession;*

19 *“(B) facilitating the entry of such individ-*
20 *uals into such a school;*

21 *“(C) providing counseling, mentoring, or*
22 *other services designed to assist such individuals*
23 *to complete successfully their education at such a*
24 *school;*

1 “(D) providing, for a period prior to the
2 entry of such individuals into the regular course
3 of education of such a school, preliminary edu-
4 cation and health research training designed to
5 assist them to complete successfully such regular
6 course of education at such a school, or referring
7 such individuals to institutions providing such
8 preliminary education;

9 “(E) publicizing existing sources of finan-
10 cial aid available to students in the education
11 program of such a school or who are undertaking
12 training necessary to qualify them to enroll in
13 such a program;

14 “(F) paying such scholarships as the Sec-
15 retary may determine for such individuals for
16 any period of health professions education at a
17 health professions school;

18 “(G) paying such stipends as the Secretary
19 may approve for such individuals for any period
20 of education in student-enhancement programs
21 (other than regular courses), except that such a
22 stipend may not be provided to an individual for
23 more than 12 months, and such a stipend shall
24 be in an amount determined appropriate by the

1 *Secretary (notwithstanding any other provision*
 2 *of law regarding the amount of stipends);*

3 *“(H) carrying out programs under which*
 4 *such individuals gain experience regarding a ca-*
 5 *reer in a field of primary health care through*
 6 *working at facilities of public or private non-*
 7 *profit community-based providers of primary*
 8 *health services; and*

9 *“(I) conducting activities to develop a larg-*
 10 *er and more competitive applicant pool through*
 11 *partnerships with institutions of higher edu-*
 12 *cation, school districts, and other community-*
 13 *based entities.*

14 *“(3) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘reg-*
 15 *ular course of education of such a school’ as used in*
 16 *subparagraph (D) includes a graduate program in be-*
 17 *havioral or mental health.*

18 *“(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDS.—In making*
 19 *awards to eligible entities under subsection (a)(1), the Sec-*
 20 *retary shall give preference to approved applications for*
 21 *programs that involve a comprehensive approach by several*
 22 *public or nonprofit private health or educational entities*
 23 *to establish, enhance and expand educational programs that*
 24 *will result in the development of a competitive applicant*
 25 *pool of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who*

1 *desire to pursue health professions careers. In considering*
 2 *awards for such a comprehensive partnership approach, the*
 3 *following shall apply with respect to the entity involved:*

4 “(1) *The entity shall have a demonstrated com-*
 5 *mitment to such approach through formal agreements*
 6 *that have common objectives with institutions of high-*
 7 *er education, school districts, and other community-*
 8 *based entities.*

9 “(2) *Such formal agreements shall reflect the co-*
 10 *ordination of educational activities and support serv-*
 11 *ices, increased linkages, and the consolidation of re-*
 12 *sources within a specific geographic area.*

13 “(3) *The design of the educational activities in-*
 14 *volved shall provide for the establishment of a com-*
 15 *petitive health professions applicant pool of individ-*
 16 *uals from disadvantaged backgrounds by enhancing*
 17 *the total preparation (academic and social) of such*
 18 *individuals to pursue a health professions career.*

19 “(4) *The programs or activities under the award*
 20 *shall focus on developing a culturally competent*
 21 *health care workforce that will serve the unserved and*
 22 *underserved populations within the geographic area.*

23 “(c) *EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL ASSIST-*
 24 *ANCE.—The Secretary, to the extent practicable, shall en-*
 25 *sure that services and activities under subsection (a) are*

1 *adequately allocated among the various racial and ethnic*
 2 *populations who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.*

3 “(d) *MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.*—*The Secretary may*
 4 *require that an entity that applies for a grant or contract*
 5 *under subsection (a), provide non-Federal matching funds,*
 6 *as appropriate, to ensure the institutional commitment of*
 7 *the entity to the projects funded under the grant or contract.*
 8 *As determined by the Secretary, such non-Federal matching*
 9 *funds may be provided directly or through donations from*
 10 *public or private entities and may be in cash or in-kind,*
 11 *fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or services.*

12 **“SEC. 740. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

13 “(a) *SCHOLARSHIPS.*—*There are authorized to be ap-*
 14 *propriated to carry out section 737, \$37,000,000 for fiscal*
 15 *year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary for each*
 16 *of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002. Of the amount appro-*
 17 *priated in any fiscal year, the Secretary shall ensure that*
 18 *not less than 16 percent shall be distributed to schools of*
 19 *nursing.*

20 “(b) *LOAN REPAYMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS.*—*For the*
 21 *purpose of carrying out section 738, there is authorized to*
 22 *be appropriated \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such*
 23 *sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999*
 24 *through 2002.*

1 “(c) *EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN HEALTH PROFES-*
 2 *SIONS REGARDING INDIVIDUALS FOR DISADVANTAGED*
 3 *BACKGROUNDS.*—*For the purpose of grants and contracts*
 4 *under section 739(a)(1), there is authorized to be appro-*
 5 *priated \$29,400,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums*
 6 *as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999*
 7 *through 2002. The Secretary may use not to exceed 20 per-*
 8 *cent of the amount appropriated for a fiscal year under*
 9 *this subsection to provide scholarships under section*
 10 *739(a)(2)(F).*

11 “(d) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 6 months after the date*
 12 *of enactment of this part, the Secretary shall prepare and*
 13 *submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report*
 14 *concerning the efforts of the Secretary to address the need*
 15 *for a representative mix of individuals from historically mi-*
 16 *nority health professions schools, or from institutions or*
 17 *other entities that historically or by geographic location*
 18 *have a demonstrated record of training or educating under-*
 19 *represented minorities, within various health professions*
 20 *disciplines, on peer review councils.”.*

21 (b) *REPEAL.*—

22 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 795 of the Public*
 23 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295n) is repealed.*

24 (2) *NONTERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.*—*The*
 25 *amendments made by this section shall not be con-*

1 *strued to terminate agreements that, on the day before*
 2 *the date of enactment of this Act, are in effect pursu-*
 3 *ant to section 795 of the Public Health Service Act*
 4 *(42 U.S.C. 795) as such section existed on such date.*
 5 *Such agreements shall continue in effect in accord-*
 6 *ance with the terms of the agreements. With respect*
 7 *to compliance with such agreements, any period of*
 8 *practice as a provider of primary health services shall*
 9 *be counted towards the satisfaction of the requirement*
 10 *of practice pursuant to such section 795.*

11 (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section*
 12 *481A(c)(3)(D)(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 13 *U.S.C. 287a–2(c)(3)(D)(i)) is amended by striking “section*
 14 *739” and inserting “part B of title VII”.*

15 **SEC. 102. TRAINING IN PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE AND DEN-**
 16 **TISTRY.**

17 *Part C of title VII of the Public Health Service Act*
 18 *(42 U.S.C. 293 et seq.) is amended—*

19 (1) *in the part heading by striking “**PRI-***
 20 ***MARY HEALTH CARE**” and inserting “**FAM-***
 21 ***ILY MEDICINE, GENERAL INTERNAL***
 22 ***MEDICINE, GENERAL PEDIATRICS,***
 23 ***PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, GENERAL***
 24 ***DENTISTRY, AND PEDIATRIC DEN-***
 25 ***TISTRY**”;*

1 (2) *by repealing section 746 (42 U.S.C. 293j);*

2 (3) *in section 747 (42 U.S.C. 293k)—*

3 *(A) by striking the section heading and in-*
 4 *serting the following:*

5 **“SEC. 747. FAMILY MEDICINE, GENERAL INTERNAL MEDI-**
 6 **CINE, GENERAL PEDIATRICS, GENERAL DEN-**
 7 **TISTRY, PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, AND PHYSI-**
 8 **CIAN ASSISTANTS.”;**

9 *(B) in subsection (a)—*

10 *(i) in paragraph (1)—*

11 *(I) by inserting “, internal medi-*
 12 *cine, or pediatrics” after “family med-*
 13 *icine”; and*

14 *(II) by inserting before the semi-*
 15 *colon the following: “that emphasizes*
 16 *training for the practice of family*
 17 *medicine, general internal medicine, or*
 18 *general pediatrics (as defined by the*
 19 *Secretary)”;*

20 *(ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “,*
 21 *general internal medicine, or general pedi-*
 22 *atrics” before the semicolon;*

23 *(iii) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by in-*
 24 *serting “(including geriatrics), general in-*

1 *ternal medicine or general pediatrics” after*
 2 *“family medicine”;*

3 *(iv) in paragraph (3), by striking*
 4 *“and” at the end thereof;*

5 *(v) in paragraph (4), by striking the*
 6 *period and inserting a semicolon; and*

7 *(vii) by adding at the end thereof the*
 8 *following new paragraphs:*

9 *“(5) to meet the costs of projects to plan, develop,*
 10 *and operate or maintain programs for the training of*
 11 *physician assistants (as defined in section 799B), and*
 12 *for the training of individuals who will teach in pro-*
 13 *grams to provide such training; and*

14 *“(6) to meet the costs of planning, developing, or*
 15 *operating programs, and to provide financial assist-*
 16 *ance to residents in such programs, of general den-*
 17 *tistry or pediatric dentistry.*

18 *For purposes of paragraph (6), entities eligible for such*
 19 *grants or contracts shall include entities that have pro-*
 20 *grams in dental schools, approved residency programs in*
 21 *the general or pediatric practice of dentistry, approved ad-*
 22 *vanced education programs in the general or pediatric*
 23 *practice of dentistry, or approved residency programs in*
 24 *pediatric dentistry.”;*

25 *(C) in subsection (b)—*

1 (i) in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A), by
 2 inserting “, general internal medicine, or
 3 general pediatrics” after “family medicine”;

4 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

5 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
 6 ing “or” at the end; and

7 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
 8 striking the period and inserting “;
 9 or”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the follow-
 11 ing:

12 “(3) *PRIORITY IN MAKING AWARDS.*—*In making*
 13 *awards of grants and contracts under paragraph (1),*
 14 *the Secretary shall give priority to any qualified ap-*
 15 *plicant for such an award that proposes a collabo-*
 16 *rative project between departments of primary care.”;*

17 (D) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d)
 18 as subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

19 (E) by inserting after subsection (b), the fol-
 20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(c) *PRIORITY.*—

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*With respect to programs for*
 23 *the training of interns or residents, the Secretary*
 24 *shall give priority in awarding grants under this sec-*
 25 *tion to qualified applicants that have a record of*

1 *training the greatest percentage of providers, or that*
 2 *have demonstrated significant improvements in the*
 3 *percentage of providers, which enter and remain in*
 4 *primary care practice or general or pediatric den-*
 5 *tistry.*

6 “(2) *DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.*—*With re-*
 7 *spect to programs for the training of interns, resi-*
 8 *dents, or physician assistants, the Secretary shall give*
 9 *priority in awarding grants under this section to*
 10 *qualified applicants that have a record of training in-*
 11 *dividuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds*
 12 *(including racial and ethnic minorities underrep-*
 13 *resented among primary care practice or general or*
 14 *pediatric dentistry).*

15 “(3) *SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.*—*In awarding*
 16 *grants under this section the Secretary shall give spe-*
 17 *cial consideration to projects which prepare practi-*
 18 *tioners to care for underserved populations and other*
 19 *high risk groups such as the elderly, individuals with*
 20 *HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, homeless, and victims*
 21 *of domestic violence.”; and*

22 *(F) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated by*
 23 *subparagraph (D))—*

24 *(i) in paragraph (1), by striking*
 25 *“\$54,000,000” and all that follows and in-*

1 *serting “\$78,300,000 for fiscal year 1998,*
2 *and such sums as may be necessary for each*
3 *of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.”; and*

4 *(ii) by striking paragraph (2) and in-*
5 *serting the following:*

6 *“(2) ALLOCATION.—*

7 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appro-*
8 *priated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year,*
9 *the Secretary shall make available—*

10 *“(i) not less than \$49,300,000 for*
11 *awards of grants and contracts under sub-*
12 *section (a) to programs of family medicine,*
13 *of which not less than \$8,600,000 shall be*
14 *made available for awards of grants and*
15 *contracts under subsection (b) for family*
16 *medicine academic administrative units;*

17 *“(ii) not less than \$17,700,000 for*
18 *awards of grants and contracts under sub-*
19 *section (a) to programs of general internal*
20 *medicine and general pediatrics;*

21 *“(iii) not less than \$6,800,000 for*
22 *awards of grants and contracts under sub-*
23 *section (a) to programs relating to physi-*
24 *cian assistants; and*

1 “(iv) not less than \$4,500,000 for
2 awards of grants and contracts under sub-
3 section (a) to programs of general or pedi-
4 atric dentistry.

5 “(B) *RATABLE REDUCTION.*—If amounts
6 appropriated under paragraph (1) for any fiscal
7 year are less than the amount required to com-
8 ply with subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall
9 ratably reduce the amount to be made available
10 under each of clauses (i) through (iv) of such
11 subparagraph accordingly.”; and

12 (4) by repealing sections 748 through 752 (42
13 U.S.C. 293l through 293p) and inserting the follow-
14 ing:

15 **“SEC. 748. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN PRI-**
16 **MARY CARE MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY.**

17 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Secretary shall establish
18 an advisory committee to be known as the Advisory Com-
19 mittee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Den-
20 tistry (in this section referred to as the ‘Advisory Commit-
21 tee’).

22 “(b) *COMPOSITION.*—

23 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall deter-
24 mine the appropriate number of individuals to serve
25 on the Advisory Committee. Such individuals shall

1 *not be officers or employees of the Federal Govern-*
2 *ment.*

3 “(2) *APPOINTMENT.*—*Not later than 90 days*
4 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
5 *shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee*
6 *from among individuals who are health professionals.*
7 *In making such appointments, the Secretary shall en-*
8 *sure a fair balance between the health professions,*
9 *that at least 75 percent of the members of the Advi-*
10 *sory Committee are health professionals, a broad geo-*
11 *graphic representation of members and a balance be-*
12 *tween urban and rural members. Members shall be*
13 *appointed based on their competence, interest, and*
14 *knowledge of the mission of the profession involved.*

15 “(3) *MINORITY REPRESENTATION.*—*In appoint-*
16 *ing the members of the Advisory Committee under*
17 *paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure the ade-*
18 *quate representation of women and minorities.*

19 “(c) *TERMS.*—

20 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*A member of the Advisory*
21 *Committee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years,*
22 *except that of the members first appointed—*

23 “(A) $\frac{1}{3}$ *of such members shall serve for a*
24 *term of 1 year;*

1 “(B) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such members shall serve for a
2 term of 2 years; and

3 “(C) $\frac{1}{3}$ of such members shall serve for a
4 term of 3 years.

5 “(2) VACANCIES.—

6 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—A vacancy on the Advi-
7 sory Committee shall be filled in the manner in
8 which the original appointment was made and
9 shall be subject to any conditions which applied
10 with respect to the original appointment.

11 “(B) *FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM*.—An indi-
12 vidual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be ap-
13 pointed for the unexpired term of the member re-
14 placed.

15 “(d) *DUTIES*.—The Advisory Committee shall—

16 “(1) provide advice and recommendations to the
17 Secretary concerning policy and program develop-
18 ment and other matters of significance concerning the
19 activities under section 747; and

20 “(2) not later than 3 years after the date of en-
21 actment of this section, and annually thereafter, pre-
22 pare and submit to the Secretary, and the Committee
23 on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, and
24 the Committee on Commerce of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives, a report describing the activities of the

1 *Committee, including findings and recommendations*
2 *made by the Committee concerning the activities*
3 *under section 747.*

4 “(e) *MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS.*—

5 “(1) *MEETINGS.*—*The Advisory Committee shall*
6 *meet not less than 2 times each year. Such meetings*
7 *shall be held jointly with other related entities estab-*
8 *lished under this title where appropriate.*

9 “(2) *DOCUMENTS.*—*Not later than 14 days prior*
10 *to the convening of a meeting under paragraph (1),*
11 *the Advisory Committee shall prepare and make*
12 *available an agenda of the matters to be considered by*
13 *the Advisory Committee at such meeting. At any such*
14 *meeting, the Advisory Council shall distribute mate-*
15 *rials with respect to the issues to be addressed at the*
16 *meeting. Not later than 30 days after the adjourning*
17 *of such a meeting, the Advisory Committee shall pre-*
18 *pare and make available a summary of the meeting*
19 *and any actions taken by the Committee based upon*
20 *the meeting.*

21 “(f) *COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.*—

22 “(1) *COMPENSATION.*—*Each member of the Advi-*
23 *sory Committee shall be compensated at a rate equal*
24 *to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay*
25 *prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule*

12 “(g) *FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act*
13 *shall apply to the Advisory Committee under this section*
14 *only to the extent that the provisions of such Act do not*
15 *conflict with the requirements of this section.*”.

18 *Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act*
19 *(42 U.S.C. 294 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:*

22 **“SEC. 750. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

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1 “(b) *ACTIVITIES.*—*An entity shall use assistance under*
 2 *this part to carry out innovative demonstration projects for*
 3 *strategic workforce supplementation activities as needed to*
 4 *meet national goals for interdisciplinary, community-based*
 5 *linkages. Such assistance may be used consistent with this*
 6 *part—*

7 “(1) *to develop and support training programs;*

8 “(2) *for faculty development;*

9 “(3) *for model demonstration programs;*

10 “(4) *for the provision of stipends for fellowship*
 11 *trainees;*

12 “(5) *to provide technical assistance; and*

13 “(6) *for other activities that will produce out-*
 14 *comes consistent with the purposes of this part.*

15 **“SEC. 751. AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS.**

16 “(a) *AUTHORITY FOR PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AS-*
 17 *SISTANCE.*—

18 “(1) *ASSISTANCE FOR PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT,*
 19 *AND OPERATION OF PROGRAMS.*—

20 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall*
 21 *award grants to and enter into contracts with*
 22 *schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine,*
 23 *and incorporated consortia made up of such*
 24 *schools, or the parent institutions of such schools,*
 25 *for projects for the planning, development and*

1 *operation of area health education center pro-*
2 *grams that—*

3 “(i) *improve the recruitment, distribu-*
4 *tion, supply, quality and efficiency of per-*
5 *sonnel providing health services in under-*
6 *served rural and urban areas and personnel*
7 *providing health services to populations*
8 *having demonstrated serious unmet health*
9 *care needs;*

10 “(ii) *increase the number of primary*
11 *care physicians and other primary care*
12 *providers who provide services in under-*
13 *served areas through the offering of an edu-*
14 *cational continuum of health career recruit-*
15 *ment through clinical education concerning*
16 *underserved areas in a comprehensive*
17 *health workforce strategy;*

18 “(iii) *carry out recruitment and health*
19 *career awareness programs to recruit indi-*
20 *viduals from underserved areas and under-*
21 *represented populations, including minority*
22 *and other elementary or secondary students,*
23 *into the health professions;*

24 “(iv) *prepare individuals to more effec-*
25 *tively provide health services to underserved*

1 *areas or underserved populations through*
 2 *field placements, preceptorships, the conduct*
 3 *of or support of community-based primary*
 4 *care residency programs, and agreements*
 5 *with community-based organizations such*
 6 *as community health centers, migrant*
 7 *health centers, Indian health centers, public*
 8 *health departments and others;*

9 *“(v) conduct health professions edu-*
 10 *cation and training activities for students*
 11 *of health professions schools and medical*
 12 *residents;*

13 *“(vi) conduct at least 10 percent of*
 14 *medical student required clinical education*
 15 *at sites remote to the primary teaching fa-*
 16 *cility of the contracting institution; and*

17 *“(vii) provide information dissemina-*
 18 *tion and educational support to reduce pro-*
 19 *fessional isolation, increase retention,*
 20 *enhance the practice environment, and im-*
 21 *prove health care through the timely dis-*
 22 *semination of research findings using rel-*
 23 *evant resources.*

24 *“(B) OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—With re-*
 25 *spect to a State in which no area health edu-*

1 *cation center program is in operation, the Sec-*
 2 *retary may award a grant or contract under*
 3 *subparagraph (A) to a school of nursing.*

4 *“(C) PROJECT TERMS.—*

5 *“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided*
 6 *in clause (ii), the period during which pay-*
 7 *ments may be made under an award under*
 8 *subparagraph (A) may not exceed—*

9 *“(I) in the case of a project, 12*
 10 *years or*

11 *“(II) in the case of a center with-*
 12 *in a project, 6 years.*

13 *“(ii) EXCEPTION.—The periods de-*
 14 *scribed in clause (i) shall not apply to*
 15 *projects that have completed the initial pe-*
 16 *riod of Federal funding under this section*
 17 *and that desire to compete for model awards*
 18 *under paragraph (2)(A).*

19 *“(2) ASSISTANCE FOR OPERATION OF MODEL*
 20 *PROGRAMS.—*

21 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any en-*
 22 *tity described in paragraph (1)(A) that—*

23 *“(i) has previously received funds*
 24 *under this section;*

1 “(ii) is operating an area health edu-
2 cation center program; and

3 “(iii) is no longer receiving financial
4 assistance under paragraph (1);

5 the Secretary may provide financial assistance
6 to such entity to pay the costs of operating and
7 carrying out the requirements of the program as
8 described in paragraph (1).

9 “(B) *MATCHING REQUIREMENT.*—With re-
10 spect to the costs of operating a model program
11 under subparagraph (A), an entity, to be eligible
12 for financial assistance under subparagraph (A),
13 shall make available (directly or through con-
14 tributions from State, county or municipal gov-
15 ernments, or the private sector) recurring non-
16 Federal contributions in cash toward such costs
17 in an amount that is equal to not less than 50
18 percent of such costs.

19 “(C) *LIMITATION.*—The aggregate amount
20 of awards provided under subparagraph (A) to
21 entities in a State for a fiscal year may not ex-
22 ceed the lesser of—

23 “(i) \$2,000,000; or

24 “(ii) an amount equal to the product
25 of \$250,000 and the aggregate number of

1 *area health education centers operated in*
2 *the State by such entities.*

3 “(b) *REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTERS.*—

4 “(1) *GENERAL REQUIREMENT.*—*Each area*
5 *health education center that receives funds under this*
6 *section shall encourage the regionalization of health*
7 *professions schools through the establishment of part-*
8 *nerships with community-based organizations.*

9 “(2) *SERVICE AREA.*—*Each area health edu-*
10 *cation center that receives funds under this section*
11 *shall specifically designate a geographic area or medi-*
12 *cally underserved population to be served by the cen-*
13 *ter. Such area or population shall be in a location re-*
14 *moved from the main location of the teaching facili-*
15 *ties of the schools participating in the program with*
16 *such center.*

17 “(3) *OTHER REQUIREMENTS.*—*Each area health*
18 *education center that receives funds under this section*
19 *shall—*

20 “(A) *assess the health personnel needs of the*
21 *area to be served by the center and assist in the*
22 *planning and development of training programs*
23 *to meet such needs;*

24 “(B) *arrange and support rotations for stu-*
25 *dents and residents in family medicine, general*

1 *internal medicine or general pediatrics, with at*
 2 *least one center in each program being affiliated*
 3 *with or conducting a rotating osteopathic intern-*
 4 *ship or medical residency training program in*
 5 *family medicine (including geriatrics), general*
 6 *internal medicine (including geriatrics), or gen-*
 7 *eral pediatrics in which no fewer than 4 individ-*
 8 *uals are enrolled in first-year positions;*

9 “(C) *conduct and participate in inter-*
 10 *disciplinary training that involves physicians*
 11 *and other health personnel including, where*
 12 *practicable, public health professionals, physi-*
 13 *cian assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse mid-*
 14 *wives, and behavioral and mental health provid-*
 15 *ers; and*

16 “(D) *have an advisory board, at least 75*
 17 *percent of the members of which shall be individ-*
 18 *uals, including both health service providers and*
 19 *consumers, from the area served by the center.*

20 “(c) *CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING FUNDING.—*

21 “(1) *ALLOCATION TO CENTER.—Not less than 75*
 22 *percent of the total amount of Federal funds provided*
 23 *to an entity under this section shall be allocated by*
 24 *an area health education center program to the area*
 25 *health education center. Such entity shall enter into*

1 *an agreement with each center for purposes of specify-*
 2 *ing the allocation of such 75 percent of funds.*

3 *“(2) OPERATING COSTS.—With respect to the op-*
 4 *erating costs of the area health education center pro-*
 5 *gram of an entity receiving funds under this section,*
 6 *the entity shall make available (directly or through*
 7 *contributions from State, county or municipal gov-*
 8 *ernments, or the private sector) non-Federal contribu-*
 9 *tions in cash toward such costs in an amount that is*
 10 *equal to not less than 50 percent of such costs, except*
 11 *that the Secretary may grant a waiver for up to 75*
 12 *percent of the amount of the required non-Federal*
 13 *match in the first 3 years in which an entity receives*
 14 *funds under this section.*

15 **“SEC. 752. HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTERS.**

16 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for funds under this*
 17 *section, a health education training center shall be an en-*
 18 *tity otherwise eligible for funds under section 751 that—*

19 *“(1) addresses the persistent and severe unmet*
 20 *health care needs in States along the border between*
 21 *the United States and Mexico and in the State of*
 22 *Florida, and in other urban and rural areas with*
 23 *populations with serious unmet health care needs;*

1 “(2) establishes an advisory board comprised of
2 health service providers, educators and consumers
3 from the service area;

4 “(3) conducts training and education programs
5 for health professions students in these areas;

6 “(4) conducts training in health education serv-
7 ices, including training to prepare community health
8 workers; and

9 “(5) supports health professionals (including
10 nursing) practicing in the area through educational
11 and other services.

12 “(b) *ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.*—The Secretary shall
13 make available 50 percent of the amounts appropriated for
14 each fiscal year under section 752 for the establishment or
15 operation of health education training centers through
16 projects in States along the border between the United
17 States and Mexico and in the State of Florida.

18 **“SEC. 753. EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATING TO GERI-**
19 **ATRICS.**

20 “(a) *GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTERS.*—

21 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall award
22 grants or contracts under this section to entities de-
23 scribed in paragraphs (1), (3), or (4) of section 799B,
24 and section 853(2), for the establishment or operation
25 of geriatric education centers.

1 “(2) *REQUIREMENTS.—A geriatric education*
 2 *center is a program that—*

3 “(A) *improves the training of health profes-*
 4 *sionals in geriatrics, including geriatric*
 5 *residencies, traineeships, or fellowships;*

6 “(B) *develops and disseminates curricula*
 7 *relating to the treatment of the health problems*
 8 *of elderly individuals;*

9 “(C) *supports the training and retraining*
 10 *of faculty to provide instruction in geriatrics;*

11 “(D) *supports continuing education of*
 12 *health professionals who provide geriatric care;*
 13 *and*

14 “(E) *provides students with clinical train-*
 15 *ing in geriatrics in nursing homes, chronic and*
 16 *acute disease hospitals, ambulatory care centers,*
 17 *and senior centers.*

18 “(b) *GERIATRIC TRAINING REGARDING PHYSICIANS*
 19 *AND DENTISTS.—*

20 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make*
 21 *grants to, and enter into contracts with, schools of*
 22 *medicine, schools of osteopathic medicine, teaching*
 23 *hospitals, and graduate medical education programs,*
 24 *for the purpose of providing support (including*
 25 *residencies, traineeships, and fellowships) for geriatric*

1 *training projects to train physicians, dentists and be-*
2 *havioral and mental health professionals who plan to*
3 *teach geriatric medicine, geriatric behavioral or men-*
4 *tal health, or geriatric dentistry.*

5 “(2) *REQUIREMENTS.—Each project for which a*
6 *grant or contract is made under this subsection*
7 *shall—*

8 “(A) *be staffed by full-time teaching physi-*
9 *cians who have experience or training in geri-*
10 *atric medicine or geriatric behavioral or mental*
11 *health;*

12 “(B) *be staffed, or enter into an agreement*
13 *with an institution staffed by full-time or part-*
14 *time teaching dentists who have experience or*
15 *training in geriatric dentistry;*

16 “(C) *be staffed, or enter into an agreement*
17 *with an institution staffed by full-time or part-*
18 *time teaching behavioral mental health profes-*
19 *sionals who have experience or training in geri-*
20 *atric behavioral or mental health;*

21 “(D) *be based in a graduate medical edu-*
22 *cation program in internal medicine or family*
23 *medicine or in a department of geriatrics or be-*
24 *havioral or mental health;*

1 “(E) provide training in geriatrics and ex-
 2 posure to the physical and mental disabilities of
 3 elderly individuals through a variety of service
 4 rotations, such as geriatric consultation services,
 5 acute care services, dental services, geriatric be-
 6 havioral or mental health units, day and home
 7 care programs, rehabilitation services, extended
 8 care facilities, geriatric ambulatory care and
 9 comprehensive evaluation units, and community
 10 care programs for elderly mentally retarded in-
 11 dividuals; and

12 “(F) provide training in geriatrics through
 13 one or both of the training options described in
 14 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (3).

15 “(3) TRAINING OPTIONS.—The training options
 16 referred to in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (2)
 17 shall be as follows:

18 “(A) A 1-year retraining program in geri-
 19 atrics for—

20 “(i) physicians who are faculty mem-
 21 bers in departments of internal medicine,
 22 family medicine, gynecology, geriatrics, and
 23 behavioral or mental health at schools of
 24 medicine and osteopathic medicine;

1 “(ii) dentists who are faculty members
2 at schools of dentistry or at hospital depart-
3 ments of dentistry; and

4 “(iii) behavioral or mental health pro-
5 fessionals who are faculty members in de-
6 partments of behavioral or mental health;
7 and

8 “(B) A 2-year internal medicine or family
9 medicine fellowship program providing emphasis
10 in geriatrics, which shall be designed to provide
11 training in clinical geriatrics and geriatrics re-
12 search for—

13 “(i) physicians who have completed
14 graduate medical education programs in in-
15 ternal medicine, family medicine, behav-
16 ioral or mental health, neurology, gyne-
17 cology, or rehabilitation medicine;

18 “(ii) dentists who have demonstrated a
19 commitment to an academic career and who
20 have completed postdoctoral dental training,
21 including postdoctoral dental education pro-
22 grams or who have relevant advanced train-
23 ing or experience; and

24 “(iii) behavioral or mental health pro-
25 fessionals who have completed graduate

1 *medical education programs in behavioral*
 2 *or mental health.*

3 “(4) *DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-*
 4 *section:*

5 “(A) *The term ‘graduate medical education*
 6 *program’ means a program sponsored by a*
 7 *school of medicine, a school of osteopathic medi-*
 8 *cine, a hospital, or a public or private institu-*
 9 *tion that—*

10 “(i) *offers postgraduate medical train-*
 11 *ing in the specialties and subspecialties of*
 12 *medicine; and*

13 “(ii) *has been accredited by the Accred-*
 14 *itation Council for Graduate Medical Edu-*
 15 *cation or the American Osteopathic Associa-*
 16 *tion through its Committee on Postdoctoral*
 17 *Training.*

18 “(B) *The term ‘post-doctoral dental edu-*
 19 *cation program’ means a program sponsored by*
 20 *a school of dentistry, a hospital, or a public or*
 21 *private institution that—*

22 “(i) *offers post-doctoral training in the*
 23 *specialties of dentistry, advanced education*
 24 *in general dentistry, or a dental general*
 25 *practice residency; and*

1 “(ii) *has been accredited by the Com-*
2 *mission on Dental Accreditation.*

3 “(c) *GERIATRIC FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS.—*

4 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Sec-*
5 *retary shall establish a program to provide Geriatric*
6 *Academic Career Awards to eligible individuals to*
7 *promote the career development of such individuals as*
8 *academic geriatricians.*

9 “(2) *ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—To be eligible to*
10 *receive an Award under paragraph (1), an individual*
11 *shall—*

12 “(A) *be board certified or board eligible in*
13 *internal medicine, family practice, or psychia-*
14 *try;*

15 “(B) *have completed an approved fellowship*
16 *program in geriatrics; and*

17 “(C) *have a junior faculty appointment at*
18 *an accredited (as determined by the Secretary)*
19 *school of medicine or osteopathic medicine.*

20 “(3) *LIMITATIONS.—No Award under paragraph*
21 *(1) may be made to an eligible individual unless the*
22 *individual—*

23 “(A) *has submitted to the Secretary an ap-*
24 *plication, at such time, in such manner, and*
25 *containing such information as the Secretary*

1 *may require, and the Secretary has approved*
2 *such application; and*

3 “(B) *provides, in such form and manner as*
4 *the Secretary may require, assurances that the*
5 *individual will meet the service requirement de-*
6 *scribed in subsection (e).*

7 “(4) *AMOUNT AND TERM.—*

8 “(A) *AMOUNT.—The amount of an Award*
9 *under this section shall equal \$50,000 for fiscal*
10 *year 1998, adjusted for subsequent fiscal years to*
11 *reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index.*

12 “(B) *TERM.—The term of any Award made*
13 *under this subsection shall not exceed 5 years.*

14 “(5) *SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—An individual*
15 *who receives an Award under this subsection shall*
16 *provide training in clinical geriatrics, including the*
17 *training of interdisciplinary teams of health care pro-*
18 *fessionals. The provision of such training shall con-*
19 *stitute at least 75 percent of the obligations of such*
20 *individual under the Award.*

21 **“SEC. 754. RURAL INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAINING GRANTS.**

22 “(a) *GRANTS.—The Secretary may make grants or*
23 *contracts under this section to help entities fund authorized*
24 *activities under an application approved under subsection*
25 *(c).*

1 “(b) *USE OF AMOUNTS.*—

2 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Amounts provided under
3 subsection (a) shall be used by the recipients to fund
4 interdisciplinary training projects designed to—

5 “(A) use new and innovative methods to
6 train health care practitioners to provide services
7 in rural areas;

8 “(B) demonstrate and evaluate innovative
9 interdisciplinary methods and models designed
10 to provide access to cost-effective comprehensive
11 health care;

12 “(C) deliver health care services to individ-
13 uals residing in rural areas;

14 “(D) enhance the amount of relevant re-
15 search conducted concerning health care issues in
16 rural areas; and

17 “(E) increase the recruitment and retention
18 of health care practitioners from rural areas and
19 make rural practice a more attractive career
20 choice for health care practitioners.

21 “(2) *METHODS.*—A recipient of funds under sub-
22 section (a) may use various methods in carrying out
23 the projects described in paragraph (1), including—

24 “(A) the distribution of stipends to students
25 of eligible applicants;

1 “(B) *the establishment of a post-doctoral fel-*
2 *lowship program;*

3 “(C) *the training of faculty in the economic*
4 *and logistical problems confronting rural health*
5 *care delivery systems; or*

6 “(D) *the purchase or rental of transpor-*
7 *tation and telecommunication equipment where*
8 *the need for such equipment due to unique char-*
9 *acteristics of the rural area is demonstrated by*
10 *the recipient.*

11 “(3) *ADMINISTRATION.—*

12 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—An applicant shall not*
13 *use more than 10 percent of the funds made*
14 *available to such applicant under subsection (a)*
15 *for administrative expenses.*

16 “(B) *TRAINING.—Not more than 10 percent*
17 *of the individuals receiving training with funds*
18 *made available to an applicant under subsection*
19 *(a) shall be trained as doctors of medicine or*
20 *doctors of osteopathy.*

21 “(C) *LIMITATION.—An institution that re-*
22 *ceives a grant under this section shall use*
23 *amounts received under such grant to supple-*
24 *ment, not supplant, amounts made available by*
25 *such institution for activities of the type de-*

1 scribed in subsection (b)(1) in the fiscal year
2 preceding the year for which the grant is re-
3 ceived.

4 “(c) *APPLICATIONS.*—Applications submitted for as-
5 sistance under this section shall—

6 “(1) be jointly submitted by at least two eligible
7 applicants with the express purpose of assisting indi-
8 viduals in academic institutions in establishing long-
9 term collaborative relationships with health care pro-
10 viders in rural areas; and

11 “(2) designate a rural health care agency or
12 agencies for clinical treatment or training, including
13 hospitals, community health centers, migrant health
14 centers, rural health clinics, community behavioral
15 and mental health centers, long-term care facilities,
16 Native Hawaiian health centers, or facilities operated
17 by the Indian Health Service or an Indian tribe or
18 tribal organization or Indian organization under a
19 contract with the Indian Health Service under the In-
20 dian Self-Determination Act.

21 “(d) *DEFINITIONS.*—For the purposes of this section,
22 the term ‘rural’ means geographic areas that are located
23 outside of standard metropolitan statistical areas.

1 **“SEC. 755. ALLIED HEALTH AND OTHER DISCIPLINES.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may make grants*
3 *or contracts under this section to help entities fund activi-*
4 *ties of the type described in subsection (b).*

5 “(b) *ACTIVITIES.*—*Activities of the type described in*
6 *this subsection include the following:*

7 “(1) *Assisting entities in meeting the costs asso-*
8 *ciated with expanding or establishing programs that*
9 *will increase the number of individuals trained in al-*
10 *lied health professions. Programs and activities fund-*
11 *ed under this paragraph may include—*

12 “(A) *those that expand enrollments in allied*
13 *health professions with the greatest shortages or*
14 *whose services are most needed by the elderly;*

15 “(B) *those that provide rapid transition*
16 *training programs in allied health fields to indi-*
17 *viduals who have baccalaureate degrees in*
18 *health-related sciences;*

19 “(C) *those that establish community-based*
20 *allied health training programs that link aca-*
21 *demic centers to rural clinical settings;*

22 “(D) *those that provide career advancement*
23 *training for practicing allied health profes-*
24 *sionals;*

25 “(E) *those that expand or establish clinical*
26 *training sites for allied health professionals in*

1 *medically underserved or rural communities in*
 2 *order to increase the number of individuals*
 3 *trained;*

4 “(F) those that develop curriculum that will
 5 *emphasize knowledge and practice in the areas of*
 6 *prevention and health promotion, geriatrics,*
 7 *long-term care, home health and hospice care,*
 8 *and ethics;*

9 “(G) those that expand or establish inter-
 10 *disciplinary training programs that promote the*
 11 *effectiveness of allied health practitioners in geri-*
 12 *atric assessment and the rehabilitation of the el-*
 13 *derly;*

14 “(H) those that expand or establish dem-
 15 *onstration centers to emphasize innovative mod-*
 16 *els to link allied health clinical practice, edu-*
 17 *cation, and research;*

18 “(I) those that provide financial assistance
 19 *(in the form of traineeships) to students who are*
 20 *participants in any such program; and*

21 “(i) who plan to pursue a career in an
 22 *allied health field that has a demonstrated*
 23 *personnel shortage; and*

1 “(ii) who agree upon completion of the
2 training program to practice in a medically
3 underserved community;
4 that shall be utilized to assist in the payment of
5 all or part of the costs associated with tuition,
6 fees and such other stipends as the Secretary
7 may consider necessary; and

8 “(J) those to meet the costs of projects to
9 plan, develop, and operate or maintain graduate
10 programs in behavioral and mental health prac-
11 tice.

12 “(2) Planning and implementing projects in pre-
13 ventive and primary care training for podiatric phy-
14 sicians in approved or provisionally approved resi-
15 dency programs that shall provide financial assist-
16 ance in the form of traineeships to residents who par-
17 ticipate in such projects and who plan to specialize
18 in primary care.

19 “(3) Carrying out demonstration projects in
20 which chiropractors and physicians collaborate to
21 identify and provide effective treatment for spinal
22 and lower-back conditions.

1 **“SEC. 756. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY,**
 2 **COMMUNITY-BASED LINKAGES.**

3 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary shall establish*
 4 *an advisory committee to be known as the Advisory Com-*
 5 *mittee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages*
 6 *(in this section referred to as the ‘Advisory Committee’).*

7 “(b) *COMPOSITION.*—

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall deter-*
 9 *mine the appropriate number of individuals to serve*
 10 *on the Advisory Committee. Such individuals shall*
 11 *not be officers or employees of the Federal Govern-*
 12 *ment.*

13 “(2) *APPOINTMENT.*—*Not later than 90 days*
 14 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
 15 *shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee*
 16 *from among individuals who are health professionals*
 17 *from schools of the types described in sections*
 18 *751(a)(1)(A), 751(a)(1)(B), 753(b), 754(3)(A), and*
 19 *755(b). In making such appointments, the Secretary*
 20 *shall ensure a fair balance between the health profes-*
 21 *sions, that at least 75 percent of the members of the*
 22 *Advisory Committee are health professionals, a broad*
 23 *geographic representation of members and a balance*
 24 *between urban and rural members. Members shall be*
 25 *appointed based on their competence, interest, and*
 26 *knowledge of the mission of the profession involved.*

1 “(3) *MINORITY REPRESENTATION.*—*In appoint-*
 2 *ing the members of the Advisory Committee under*
 3 *paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure the ade-*
 4 *quate representation of women and minorities.*

5 “(c) *TERMS.*—

6 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*A member of the Advisory*
 7 *Committee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years,*
 8 *except that of the members first appointed—*

9 “(A) $\frac{1}{3}$ *of the members shall serve for a*
 10 *term of 1 year;*

11 “(B) $\frac{1}{3}$ *of the members shall serve for a*
 12 *term of 2 years; and*

13 “(C) $\frac{1}{3}$ *of the members shall serve for a*
 14 *term of 3 years.*

15 “(2) *VACANCIES.*—

16 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*A vacancy on the Advi-*
 17 *sory Committee shall be filled in the manner in*
 18 *which the original appointment was made and*
 19 *shall be subject to any conditions which applied*
 20 *with respect to the original appointment.*

21 “(B) *FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM.*—*An indi-*
 22 *vidual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be ap-*
 23 *pointed for the unexpired term of the member re-*
 24 *placed.*

25 “(d) *DUTIES.*—*The Advisory Committee shall—*

1 “(1) *provide advice and recommendations to the*
 2 *Secretary concerning policy and program develop-*
 3 *ment and other matters of significance concerning the*
 4 *activities under this part; and*

5 “(2) *not later than 3 years after the date of en-*
 6 *actment of this section, and annually thereafter, pre-*
 7 *pare and submit to the Secretary, and the Committee*
 8 *on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, and*
 9 *the Committee on Commerce of the House of Rep-*
 10 *resentatives, a report describing the activities of the*
 11 *Committee, including findings and recommendations*
 12 *made by the Committee concerning the activities*
 13 *under this part.*

14 “(e) *MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS.—*

15 “(1) *MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee shall*
 16 *meet not less than 3 times each year. Such meetings*
 17 *shall be held jointly with other related entities estab-*
 18 *lished under this title where appropriate.*

19 “(2) *DOCUMENTS.—Not later than 14 days prior*
 20 *to the convening of a meeting under paragraph (1),*
 21 *the Advisory Committee shall prepare and make*
 22 *available an agenda of the matters to be considered by*
 23 *the Advisory Committee at such meeting. At any such*
 24 *meeting, the Advisory Council shall distribute mate-*
 25 *rials with respect to the issues to be addressed at the*

1 *meeting. Not later than 30 days after the adjourning*
2 *of such a meeting, the Advisory Committee shall pre-*
3 *pare and make available a summary of the meeting*
4 *and any actions taken by the Committee based upon*
5 *the meeting.*

6 “(f) *COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.*—

7 “(1) *COMPENSATION.*—*Each member of the Advi-*
8 *sory Committee shall be compensated at a rate equal*
9 *to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay*
10 *prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule*
11 *under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for*
12 *each day (including travel time) during which such*
13 *member is engaged in the performance of the duties*
14 *of the Committee.*

15 “(2) *EXPENSES.*—*The members of the Advisory*
16 *Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, including*
17 *per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for*
18 *employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter*
19 *57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from*
20 *their homes or regular places of business in the per-*
21 *formance of services for the Committee.*

22 “(g) *FACA.*—*The Federal Advisory Committee Act*
23 *shall apply to the Advisory Committee under this section*
24 *only to the extent that the provisions of such Act do not*
25 *conflict with the requirements of this section.*

1 **“SEC. 757. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*There are authorized to be appro-*
 3 *priated to carry out this part, \$55,600,000 for fiscal year*
 4 *1998, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the*
 5 *fiscal years 1999 through 2002.*

6 “(b) *ALLOCATION.*—

7 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Of the amounts appro-*
 8 *priated under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the Sec-*
 9 *retary shall make available—*

10 “(A) *not less than \$28,587,000 for awards*
 11 *of grants and contracts under section 751;*

12 “(B) *not less than \$3,765,000 for awards of*
 13 *grants and contracts under section 752, of which*
 14 *not less than 50 percent of such amount shall be*
 15 *made available for centers described in sub-*
 16 *section (a)(1) of such section; and*

17 “(C) *not less than \$22,631,000 for awards*
 18 *of grants and contracts under sections 753, 754,*
 19 *and 755.*

20 “(2) *RATABLE REDUCTION.*—*If amounts appro-*
 21 *priated under subsection (a) for any fiscal year are*
 22 *less than the amount required to comply with para-*
 23 *graph (1), the Secretary shall ratably reduce the*
 24 *amount to be made available under each of subpara-*
 25 *graphs (A) through (C) of such paragraph accord-*
 26 *ingly.*

1 “(3) *INCREASE IN AMOUNTS.*—If amounts appro-
 2 priated for a fiscal year under subsection (a) exceed
 3 the amount authorized under such subsection for such
 4 fiscal year, the Secretary may increase the amount to
 5 be made available for programs and activities under
 6 this part without regard to the amounts specified in
 7 each of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph
 8 (2).

9 “(c) *OBLIGATION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS.*—

10 “(1) *AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER PRO-*
 11 *GRAMS.*—Of the amounts made available under sub-
 12 section (b)(1)(A) for each fiscal year, the Secretary
 13 may obligate for awards under section 751(a)(2)—

14 “(A) not less than 23 percent of such
 15 amounts in fiscal year 1998;

16 “(B) not less than 30 percent of such
 17 amounts in fiscal year 1999;

18 “(C) not less than 35 percent of such
 19 amounts in fiscal year 2000;

20 “(D) not less than 40 percent of such
 21 amounts in fiscal year 2001; and

22 “(E) not less than 45 percent of such
 23 amounts in fiscal year 2002.

24 “(2) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—It is the sense of the
 25 Congress that—

1 “(A) every State have an area health edu-
 2 cation center program in effect under this sec-
 3 tion; and

4 “(B) the ratio of Federal funding for the
 5 model program under section 751(a)(2) should
 6 increase over time and that Federal funding for
 7 other awards under this section shall decrease so
 8 that the national program will become entirely
 9 comprised of programs that are funded at least
 10 50 percent by State and local partners.”.

11 **SEC. 104. HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE INFORMA-**
 12 **TION AND ANALYSIS.**

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Part E of title VII of the Public
 14 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended to
 15 read as follows:

16 **“PART E—HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND PUBLIC**
 17 **HEALTH WORKFORCE**

18 **“Subpart 1—Health Professions Workforce**
 19 **Information and Analysis**

20 **“SEC. 761. HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE INFORMA-**
 21 **TION AND ANALYSIS.**

22 “(a) *PURPOSE.*—It is the purpose of this section to—
 23 “(1) provide for the development of information
 24 describing the health professions workforce and the
 25 analysis of workforce related issues; and

1 “(2) *provide necessary information for decision-*
 2 *making regarding future directions in health profes-*
 3 *sions and nursing programs in response to societal*
 4 *and professional needs.*

5 “(b) *GRANTS OR CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may*
 6 *award grants or contracts to State or local governments,*
 7 *health professions schools, schools of nursing, academic*
 8 *health centers, community-based health facilities, and other*
 9 *appropriate public or private nonprofit entities to provide*
 10 *for—*

11 “(1) *targeted information collection and analysis*
 12 *activities related to the purposes described in sub-*
 13 *section (a);*

14 “(2) *research on high priority workforce ques-*
 15 *tions;*

16 “(3) *the development of a non-Federal analytic*
 17 *and research infrastructure related to the purposes de-*
 18 *scribed in subsection (a); and*

19 “(4) *the conduct of program evaluation and as-*
 20 *essment.*

21 “(c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—*

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be*
 23 *appropriated to carry out this section, \$750,000 for*
 24 *fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary*
 25 *for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.*

1 “(2) *RESERVATION.*—Of the amounts appro-
 2 priated under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the Sec-
 3 retary shall reserve not less than \$600,000 for con-
 4 ducting health professions research and for carrying
 5 out data collection and analysis in accordance with
 6 section 792.

7 “(3) *AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS.*—
 8 Amounts otherwise appropriated for programs or ac-
 9 tivities under this title may be used for activities
 10 under subsection (b) with respect to the programs or
 11 activities from which such amounts were made avail-
 12 able.”.

13 (b) *COUNCIL ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.*—
 14 Section 301 of the Health Professions Education Extension
 15 Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102–408) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (j), by striking “1995” and in-
 17 serting “2002”;

18 (2) in subsection (k), by striking “1995” and in-
 19 serting “2002”;

20 (3) by adding at the end thereof the following
 21 new subsection:

22 “(l) *FUNDING.*—Amounts otherwise appropriated
 23 under this title may be utilized by the Secretary to support
 24 the activities of the Council.”;

1 (4) by transferring such section to part E of title
 2 VII of the Public Health Service Act (as amended by
 3 subsection (a));

4 (5) by redesignating such section as section 762;
 5 and

6 (6) by inserting such section after section 761.

7 **SEC. 105. PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

8 Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
 9 (as amended by section 104) is further amended by adding
 10 at the end the following:

11 **“Subpart 2—Public Health Workforce**

12 **“SEC. 765. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

13 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary may award grants
 14 or contracts to eligible entities to increase the number of
 15 individuals in the public health workforce, to enhance the
 16 quality of such workforce, and to enhance the ability of the
 17 workforce to meet national, State, and local health care
 18 needs.

19 “(b) *ELIGIBILITY.*—To be eligible to receive a grant
 20 or contract under subsection (a) an entity shall—

21 “(1) be—

22 “(A) a health professions school, including
 23 an accredited school or program of public health,
 24 health administration, preventive medicine, or

1 *dental public health or a school providing health*
 2 *management programs;*

3 “(B) *an academic health center;*

4 “(C) *a State or local government; or*

5 “(D) *any other appropriate public or pri-*
 6 *vate nonprofit entity; and*

7 “(2) *prepare and submit to the Secretary an ap-*
 8 *plication at such time, in such manner, and contain-*
 9 *ing such information as the Secretary may require.*

10 “(c) *PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants or contracts*
 11 *under this section the Secretary may grant a preference to*
 12 *entities—*

13 “(1) *serving individuals who are from disadvan-*
 14 *tagged backgrounds (including underrepresented racial*
 15 *and ethnic minorities); and*

16 “(2) *graduating large proportions of individuals*
 17 *who serve in underserved communities.*

18 “(d) *ACTIVITIES.—Amounts provided under a grant or*
 19 *contract awarded under this section may be used for—*

20 “(1) *the costs of planning, developing, or operat-*
 21 *ing demonstration training programs;*

22 “(2) *faculty development;*

23 “(3) *trainee support;*

24 “(4) *technical assistance;*

25 “(5) *to meet the costs of projects—*

1 “(A) to plan and develop new residency
 2 training programs and to maintain or improve
 3 existing residency training programs in preven-
 4 tive medicine and dental public health, that have
 5 available full-time faculty members with train-
 6 ing and experience in the fields of preventive
 7 medicine and dental public health; and

8 “(B) to provide financial assistance to resi-
 9 dency trainees enrolled in such programs;

10 “(6) the retraining of existing public health
 11 workers as well as for increasing the supply of new
 12 practitioners to address priority public health, pre-
 13 ventive medicine, public health dentistry, and health
 14 administration needs;

15 “(7) preparing public health professionals for
 16 employment at the State and community levels; or

17 “(8) other activities that may produce outcomes
 18 that are consistent with the purposes of this section

19 “(e) TRAINEESHIPS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to amounts
 21 used under this section for the training of health pro-
 22 fessionals, such training programs shall be designed
 23 to—

1 “(A) make public health education more ac-
 2 cessible to the public and private health work-
 3 force;

4 “(B) increase the relevance of public health
 5 academic preparation to public health practice
 6 in the future;

7 “(C) provide education or training for stu-
 8 dents from traditional on-campus programs in
 9 practice-based sites; or

10 “(D) develop educational methods and dis-
 11 tance-based approaches or technology that ad-
 12 dress adult learning requirements and increase
 13 knowledge and skills related to community-based
 14 cultural diversity in public health education.

15 “(2) SEVERE SHORTAGE DISCIPLINES.—Amounts
 16 provided under grants or contracts under this section
 17 may be used for the operation of programs designed
 18 to award traineeships to students in accredited
 19 schools of public health who enter educational pro-
 20 grams in fields where there is a severe shortage of
 21 public health professionals, including epidemiology,
 22 biostatistics, environmental health, toxicology, public
 23 health nursing, nutrition, preventive medicine, mater-
 24 nal and child health, and behavioral and mental
 25 health professions.

1 **“SEC. 766. PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTERS.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may make grants*
3 *or contracts for the operation of public health training cen-*
4 *ters.*

5 “(b) *ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.*—

6 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*A public health training cen-*
7 *ter shall be an accredited school of public health, or*
8 *another public or nonprofit private institution ac-*
9 *credited for the provision of graduate or specialized*
10 *training in public health, that plans, develops, oper-*
11 *ates, and evaluates projects that are in furtherance of*
12 *the goals established by the Secretary for the year*
13 *2000 in the areas of preventive medicine, health pro-*
14 *motion and disease prevention, or improving access to*
15 *and quality of health services in medically under-*
16 *served communities.*

17 “(2) *PREFERENCE.*—*In awarding grants or con-*
18 *tracts under this section the Secretary shall give pref-*
19 *erence to accredited schools of public health.*

20 “(c) *CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.*—*With respect to a*
21 *public health training center, an award may not be made*
22 *under subsection (a) unless the program agrees that it—*

23 “(1) *will establish or strengthen field placements*
24 *for students in public or nonprofit private health*
25 *agencies or organizations;*

1 “(2) will involve faculty members and students
2 in collaborative projects to enhance public health serv-
3 ices to medically underserved communities;

4 “(3) will specifically designate a geographic area
5 or medically underserved population to be served by
6 the center that shall be in a location removed from the
7 main location of the teaching facility of the school
8 that is participating in the program with such center;
9 and

10 “(4) will assess the health personnel needs of the
11 area to be served by the center and assist in the plan-
12 ning and development of training programs to meet
13 such needs.

14 **“SEC. 767. PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINEESHIPS.**

15 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary may make grants
16 to accredited schools of public health, and to other public
17 or nonprofit private institutions accredited for the provi-
18 sion of graduate or specialized training in public health,
19 for the purpose of assisting such schools and institutions
20 in providing traineeships to individuals described in sub-
21 section (b)(3).

22 “(b) *CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.*—

23 “(1) *AMOUNT.*—The amount of any grant under
24 this section shall be determined by the Secretary.

1 “(2) *USE OF GRANT.*—*Traineeships awarded*
 2 *under grants made under subsection (a) shall provide*
 3 *for tuition and fees and such stipends and allowances*
 4 *(including travel and subsistence expenses and de-*
 5 *pendency allowances) for the trainees as the Secretary*
 6 *may deem necessary.*

7 “(3) *ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.*—*The individuals*
 8 *referred to in subsection (a) are individuals who are*
 9 *pursuing a course of study in a health professions*
 10 *field in which there is a severe shortage of health pro-*
 11 *fessionals (which fields include the fields of epidemiol-*
 12 *ogy, environmental health, biostatistics, toxicology,*
 13 *nutrition, and maternal and child health).*

14 **“SEC. 768. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE; DENTAL PUBLIC**
 15 **HEALTH.**

16 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may make grants*
 17 *to and enter into contracts with schools of medicine, osteo-*
 18 *pathic medicine, public health, and dentistry to meet the*
 19 *costs of projects—*

20 “(1) *to plan and develop new residency training*
 21 *programs and to maintain or improve existing resi-*
 22 *dency training programs in preventive medicine and*
 23 *dental public health; and*

24 “(2) *to provide financial assistance to residency*
 25 *trainees enrolled in such programs.*

1 “(b) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

2 “(1) *AMOUNT.*—*The amount of any grant under*
3 *subsection (a) shall be determined by the Secretary.*

4 “(2) *ELIGIBILITY.*—*To be eligible for a grant*
5 *under subsection (a), the applicant must demonstrate*
6 *to the Secretary that it has or will have available full-*
7 *time faculty members with training and experience in*
8 *the fields of preventive medicine or dental public*
9 *health and support from other faculty members*
10 *trained in public health and other relevant specialties*
11 *and disciplines.*

12 “(3) *OTHER FUNDS.*—*Schools of medicine, osteo-*
13 *pathic medicine, dentistry, and public health may use*
14 *funds committed by State, local, or county public*
15 *health officers as matching amounts for Federal grant*
16 *funds for residency training programs in preventive*
17 *medicine.*

18 **“SEC. 769. HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TRAINEESHIPS AND**
19 ***SPECIAL PROJECTS.***

20 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may make grants*
21 *to State or local governments (that have in effect preventive*
22 *medical and dental public health residency programs) or*
23 *public or nonprofit private educational entities (including*
24 *graduate schools of social work and business schools that*

1 *have health management programs) that offer a program*
 2 *described in subsection (b)—*

3 “(1) *to provide traineeships for students enrolled*
 4 *in such a program; and*

5 “(2) *to assist accredited programs health admin-*
 6 *istration in the development or improvement of pro-*
 7 *grams to prepare students for employment with pub-*
 8 *lic or nonprofit private entities.*

9 “(b) *RELEVANT PROGRAMS.—The program referred to*
 10 *in subsection (a) is an accredited program in health admin-*
 11 *istration, hospital administration, or health policy analysis*
 12 *and planning, which program is accredited by a body or*
 13 *bodies approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Edu-*
 14 *cation and which meets such other quality standards as the*
 15 *Secretary of Health and Human Services by regulation*
 16 *may prescribe.*

17 “(c) *PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making*
 18 *grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-*
 19 *erence to qualified applicants that meet the following condi-*
 20 *tions:*

21 “(1) *Not less than 25 percent of the graduates of*
 22 *the applicant are engaged in full-time practice set-*
 23 *tings in medically underserved communities.*

24 “(2) *The applicant recruits and admits students*
 25 *from medically underserved communities.*

1 “(3) *For the purpose of training students, the*
 2 *applicant has established relationships with public*
 3 *and nonprofit providers of health care in the commu-*
 4 *nity involved.*

5 “(4) *In training students, the applicant empha-*
 6 *sizes employment with public or nonprofit private en-*
 7 *tities.*

8 “(d) *CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING*
 9 *TRAINEESHIPS.—*

10 “(1) *USE OF GRANT.—Traineeships awarded*
 11 *under grants made under subsection (a) shall provide*
 12 *for tuition and fees and such stipends and allowances*
 13 *(including travel and subsistence expenses and de-*
 14 *pendency allowances) for the trainees as the Secretary*
 15 *may deem necessary.*

16 “(2) *PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.—*
 17 *Each entity applying for a grant under subsection (a)*
 18 *for traineeships shall assure to the satisfaction of the*
 19 *Secretary that the entity will give priority to award-*
 20 *ing the traineeships to students who demonstrate a*
 21 *commitment to employment with public or nonprofit*
 22 *private entities in the fields with respect to which the*
 23 *traineeships are awarded.*

1 **“SEC. 770. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*For the purpose of carrying out*
 3 *this subpart, there is authorized to be appropriated*
 4 *\$9,100,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may be*
 5 *necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.*

6 “(b) *LIMITATION REGARDING CERTAIN PROGRAM.*—*In*
 7 *obligating amounts appropriated under subsection (a), the*
 8 *Secretary may not obligate more than 30 percent for carry-*
 9 *ing out section 767.”.*

10 **SEC. 106. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

11 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—

12 (1) *Part F of title VII of the Public Health Serv-*
 13 *ice Act (42 U.S.C. 295 et seq.) is repealed.*

14 (2) *Part G of title VII of the Public Health Serv-*
 15 *ice Act (42 U.S.C. 295j et seq.) is amended—*

16 (A) *by redesignating such part as part F;*

17 (B) *in section 791 (42 U.S.C. 295j)—*

18 (i) *by striking subsection (b); and*

19 (ii) *redesignating subsection (c) as sub-*
 20 *section (b);*

21 (C) *by repealing section 793 (42 U.S.C.*
 22 *295l);*

23 (D) *by repealing section 798;*

24 (E) *by redesignating section 799 as section*
 25 *799B; and*

1 (F) by inserting after section 794, the fol-
2 lowing new sections:

3 **“SEC. 796. APPLICATION.**

4 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—To be eligible to receive a grant
5 or contract under this title, an eligible entity shall prepare
6 and submit to the Secretary an application that meets the
7 requirements of this section, at such time, in such manner,
8 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
9 quire.

10 “(b) *PLAN.*—An application submitted under this sec-
11 tion shall contain the plan of the applicant for carrying
12 out a project with amounts received under this title. Such
13 plan shall be consistent with relevant Federal, State, or re-
14 gional health professions program plans.

15 “(c) *PERFORMANCE OUTCOME STANDARDS.*—An ap-
16 plication submitted under this section shall contain a speci-
17 fication by the applicant entity of performance outcome
18 standards that the project to be funded under the grant or
19 contract will be measured against. Such standards shall ad-
20 dress relevant health workforce needs that the project will
21 meet. The recipient of a grant or contract under this section
22 shall meet the standards set forth in the grant or contract
23 application.

24 “(d) *LINKAGES.*—An application submitted under this
25 section shall contain a description of the linkages with rel-

1 *evant educational and health care entities, including train-*
 2 *ing programs for other health professionals as appropriate,*
 3 *that the project to be funded under the grant or contract*
 4 *will establish. To the extent practicable, grantees under this*
 5 *section shall establish linkages with health care providers*
 6 *who provide care for underserved communities and popu-*
 7 *lations.*

8 **“SEC. 797. USE OF FUNDS.**

9 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Amounts provided under a grant
 10 *or contract awarded under this title may be used for train-*
 11 *ing program development and support, faculty develop-*
 12 *ment, model demonstrations, trainee support including tui-*
 13 *tion, books, program fees and reasonable living expenses*
 14 *during the period of training, technical assistance, work-*
 15 *force analysis, dissemination of information, and exploring*
 16 *new policy directions, as appropriate to meet recognized*
 17 *health workforce objectives, in accordance with this title.*

18 “(b) *MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.*—With respect to ac-
 19 *tivities for which a grant awarded under this title is to*
 20 *be expended, the entity shall agree to maintain expenditures*
 21 *of non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level that*
 22 *is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained*
 23 *by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year*
 24 *for which the entity receives such a grant.*

1 **“SEC. 798. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

2 *“The Secretary may require that an entity that ap-*
 3 *plies for a grant or contract under this title provide non-*
 4 *Federal matching funds, as appropriate, to ensure the insti-*
 5 *tutional commitment of the entity to the projects funded*
 6 *under the grant. As determined by the Secretary, such non-*
 7 *Federal matching funds may be provided directly or*
 8 *through donations from public or private entities and may*
 9 *be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, including plant,*
 10 *equipment, or services.*

11 **“SEC. 799. GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.**

12 *“(a) AWARDING OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The*
 13 *Secretary shall ensure that grants and contracts under this*
 14 *title are awarded on a competitive basis, as appropriate,*
 15 *to carry out innovative demonstration projects or provide*
 16 *for strategic workforce supplementation activities as needed*
 17 *to meet health workforce goals and in accordance with this*
 18 *title. Contracts may be entered into under this title with*
 19 *public or private entities as may be necessary.*

20 *“(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Unless specifically re-*
 21 *quired otherwise in this title, the Secretary shall accept ap-*
 22 *plications for grants or contracts under this title from*
 23 *health professions schools, academic health centers, State or*
 24 *local governments, or other appropriate public or private*
 25 *nonprofit entities for funding and participation in health*
 26 *professions and nursing training activities. The Secretary*

1 *may accept applications from for-profit private entities if*
2 *determined appropriate by the Secretary.*

3 “(c) *INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.*—

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Recipients of grants and*
5 *contracts under this title shall meet information re-*
6 *quirements as specified by the Secretary.*

7 “(2) *DATA COLLECTION.*—*The Secretary shall es-*
8 *tablish procedures to ensure that, with respect to any*
9 *data collection required under this title, such data is*
10 *collected in a manner that takes into account age, sex,*
11 *race, and ethnicity.*

12 “(3) *USE OF FUNDS.*—*The Secretary shall estab-*
13 *lish procedures to permit the use of amounts appro-*
14 *priated under this title to be used for data collection*
15 *purposes.*

16 “(4) *EVALUATIONS.*—*The Secretary shall estab-*
17 *lish procedures to ensure the annual evaluation of*
18 *programs and projects operated by recipients of*
19 *grants or contracts under this title. Such procedures*
20 *shall ensure that continued funding for such pro-*
21 *grams and projects will be conditioned upon a dem-*
22 *onstration that satisfactory progress has been made*
23 *by the program or project in meeting the objectives of*
24 *the program or project.*

1 “(d) *TRAINING PROGRAMS.*—*Training programs con-*
2 *ducted with amounts received under this title shall meet ap-*
3 *plicable accreditation and quality standards.*

4 “(e) *DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.*—

5 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to paragraph (2), in*
6 *the case of an award to an entity of a grant, coopera-*
7 *tive agreement, or contract under this title, the period*
8 *during which payments are made to the entity under*
9 *the award may not exceed 5 years. The provision of*
10 *payments under the award shall be subject to annual*
11 *approval by the Secretary of the payments and sub-*
12 *ject to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal*
13 *year involved to make the payments. This paragraph*
14 *may not be construed as limiting the number of*
15 *awards under the program involved that may be*
16 *made to the entity.*

17 “(2) *LIMITATION.*—*In the case of an award to*
18 *an entity of a grant, cooperative agreement, or con-*
19 *tract under this title, paragraph (1) shall apply only*
20 *to the extent not inconsistent with any other provi-*
21 *sion of this title that relates to the period during*
22 *which payments may be made under the award.*

23 “(f) *PEER REVIEW REGARDING CERTAIN PRO-*
24 *GRAMS.*—

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Each application for a grant
2 under this title, except any scholarship or loan pro-
3 gram, including those under sections 701, 721, or 723,
4 shall be submitted to a peer review group for an eval-
5 uation of the merits of the proposals made in the ap-
6 plication. The Secretary may not approve such an
7 application unless a peer review group has rec-
8 ommended the application for approval.

9 “(2) *COMPOSITION.*—Each peer review group
10 under this subsection shall be composed principally of
11 individuals who are not officers or employees of the
12 Federal Government. In providing for the establish-
13 ment of peer review groups and procedures, the Sec-
14 retary shall ensure sex, racial, ethnic, and geographic
15 balance among the membership of such groups.

16 “(3) *ADMINISTRATION.*—This subsection shall be
17 carried out by the Secretary acting through the Ad-
18 ministrator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-
19 ministration.

20 “(g) *PREFERENCE OR PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS.*—
21 In considering a preference or priority for funding which
22 is based on outcome measures for an eligible entity under
23 this title, the Secretary may also consider the future ability
24 of the eligible entity to meet the outcome preference or prior-

1 *ity through improvements in the eligible entity's program*
 2 *design.*

3 “(h) *ANALYTIC ACTIVITIES.*—*The Secretary shall en-*
 4 *sure that—*

5 “(1) *cross-cutting workforce analytical activities*
 6 *are carried out as part of the workforce information*
 7 *and analysis activities under section 761; and*

8 “(2) *discipline-specific workforce information*
 9 *and analytical activities are carried out as part of—*

10 “(A) *the community-based linkage program*
 11 *under part D; and*

12 “(B) *the health workforce development pro-*
 13 *gram under subpart 2 of part E.*

14 “(i) *OSTEOPATHIC SCHOOLS.*—*For purposes of this*
 15 *title, any reference to—*

16 “(1) *medical schools shall include osteopathic*
 17 *medical schools; and*

18 “(2) *medical students shall include osteopathic*
 19 *medical students.*

20 **“SEC. 799A. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

21 “*Funds appropriated under this title may be used by*
 22 *the Secretary to provide technical assistance in relation to*
 23 *any of the authorities under this title.”.*

24 (b) *PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AS MENTAL HEALTH*
 25 *PROFESSIONALS.*—*Section 792(a) of the Public Health*

1 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295k(a)) is amended by inserting*
 2 *“professional counselors,” after “clinical psychologists,”.*

3 ***SEC. 107. PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN PROGRAMS.***

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 791 of the Public Health*
 5 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295j), as amended by section*
 6 *105(a)(2)(B), is further amended by adding at the end*
 7 *thereof the following subsection:*

8 *“(c) EXCEPTIONS FOR NEW PROGRAMS.—*

9 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—To permit new programs to*
 10 *compete equitably for funding under this section,*
 11 *those new programs that meet at least 4 of the cri-*
 12 *teria described in paragraph (3) shall qualify for a*
 13 *funding preference under this section.*

14 *“(2) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection,*
 15 *the term ‘new program’ means any program that has*
 16 *graduated less than three classes. Upon graduating at*
 17 *least three classes, a program shall have the capabil-*
 18 *ity to provide the information necessary to qualify the*
 19 *program for the general funding preferences described*
 20 *in subsection (a).*

21 *“(3) CRITERIA.—The criteria referred to in*
 22 *paragraph (1) are the following:*

23 *“(A) The mission statement of the program*
 24 *identifies a specific purpose of the program as*

1 *being the preparation of health professionals to*
2 *serve underserved populations.*

3 “(B) *The curriculum of the program in-*
4 *cludes content which will help to prepare practi-*
5 *tioners to serve underserved populations.*

6 “(C) *Substantial clinical training experi-*
7 *ence is required under the program in medically*
8 *underserved communities.*

9 “(D) *A minimum of 20 percent of the clini-*
10 *cal faculty of the program spend at least 50 per-*
11 *cent of their time providing or supervising care*
12 *in medically underserved communities.*

13 “(E) *The entire program or a substantial*
14 *portion of the program is physically located in*
15 *a medically underserved community.*

16 “(F) *Student assistance, which is linked to*
17 *service in medically underserved communities*
18 *following graduation, is available to the students*
19 *in the program.*

20 “(G) *The program provides a placement*
21 *mechanism for deploying graduates to medically*
22 *underserved communities.”.*

23 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—Section 791(a) of
24 *the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295j(a)) is amend-*
25 *ed—*

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “sections 747”
 2 and all that follows through “767” and inserting “sec-
 3 tions 747 and 750”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “under section
 5 798(a)”.

6 **SEC. 108. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) *GRADUATE PROGRAM IN BEHAVIORAL AND MEN-*
 8 *TAL HEALTH PRACTICE.*—Section 799B(1)(D) of the Public
 9 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p(1)(D)) (as so redesign-*
 10 *ated by section 106(a)(2)(E)) is amended—*

11 (1) by inserting “behavioral health and” before
 12 “mental”; and

13 (2) by inserting “behavioral health and mental
 14 health practice,” before “clinical”.

15 (b) *PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AS A BEHAVIORAL*
 16 *AND MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE.*—Section 799B of the
 17 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) (as so redesign-*
 18 *ated by section 106(a)(2)(E)) is amended—*

19 (1) in paragraph (1)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

21 (i) by inserting “and ‘graduate pro-
 22 gram in professional counseling’” after
 23 “graduate program in marriage and family
 24 therapy’”; and

1 (ii) by inserting before the period the
2 following: “and a concentration leading to a
3 graduate degree in counseling”;

4 (B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting
5 “professional counseling,” after “social work,”;
6 and

7 (C) in subparagraph (E), by inserting “pro-
8 fessional counseling,” after “social work,”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (5)(C), by inserting before the
10 period the following: “or a degree in counseling or an
11 equivalent degree”.

12 (c) *MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY*.—Section
13 799B(6) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
14 295p(6)) (as so redesignated by section 105(a)(2)(E)) is
15 amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the
17 end thereof;

18 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
19 and inserting “; or”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(D) is designated by a State Governor (in
22 consultation with the medical community) as a
23 shortage area or medically underserved commu-
24 nity.”.

1 (d) *PROGRAMS FOR THE TRAINING OF PHYSICIAN AS-*
 2 *SISTANTS.—Paragraph (3) of section 799B of the Public*
 3 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) (as so redesignated*
 4 *by section 105(a)(2)(E)) is amended to read as follows:*

5 “(3) *The term ‘program for the training of phy-*
 6 *sician assistants’ means an educational program*
 7 *that—*

8 “(A) *has as its objective the education of in-*
 9 *dividuals who will, upon completion of their*
 10 *studies in the program, be qualified to provide*
 11 *primary care under the supervision of a physi-*
 12 *cian;*

13 “(B) *extends for at least one academic year*
 14 *and consists of—*

15 “(i) *supervised clinical practice; and*

16 “(ii) *at least four months (in the ag-*
 17 *gregate) of classroom instruction, directed*
 18 *toward preparing students to deliver health*
 19 *care;*

20 “(C) *has an enrollment of not less than*
 21 *eight students; and*

22 “(D) *trains students in primary care, dis-*
 23 *ease prevention, health promotion, geriatric med-*
 24 *icine, and home health care.”.*

1 (e) *PSYCHOLOGIST*.—Section 799B of the Public
 2 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p) (as so redesignated
 3 by section 105(a)(2)(E)) is amended by adding at the end
 4 the following:

5 “(11) The term ‘psychologist’ means an individ-
 6 ual who—

7 “(A) holds a doctoral degree in psychology;
 8 and

9 “(B) is licensed or certified on the basis of
 10 the doctoral degree in psychology, by the State in
 11 which the individual practices, at the independ-
 12 ent practice level of psychology to furnish diag-
 13 nostic, assessment, preventive, and therapeutic
 14 services directly to individuals.”.

15 **SEC. 109. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT ON NATIONAL HEALTH**
 16 **SERVICE CORPS.**

17 Section 338B(b)(1)(B) of the Public Health Service Act
 18 (42 U.S.C. 254l–1(b)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “or
 19 other health profession” and inserting “behavioral and
 20 mental health, or other health profession”.

21 **SEC. 110. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

22 In the case of any authority for making awards of
 23 grants or contracts that is terminated by the amendments
 24 made by this subtitle, the Secretary of Health and Human
 25 Services may, notwithstanding the termination of the au-

1 *thority, continue in effect any grant or contract made under*
 2 *the authority that is in effect on the day before the date*
 3 *of the enactment of this Act, subject to the duration of any*
 4 *such grant or contract not exceeding the period determined*
 5 *by the Secretary in first approving such financial assist-*
 6 *ance, or in approving the most recent request made (before*
 7 *the date of such enactment) for continuation of such assist-*
 8 *ance, as the case may be.*

9 ***Subtitle B—Nursing Workforce***
 10 ***Development***

11 ***SEC. 121. SHORT TITLE.***

12 *This title may be cited as the “Nursing Education and*
 13 *Practice Improvement Act of 1998”.*

14 ***SEC. 122. PURPOSE.***

15 *It is the purpose of this title to restructure the nurse*
 16 *education authorities of title VIII of the Public Health Serv-*
 17 *ice Act to permit a comprehensive, flexible, and effective ap-*
 18 *proach to Federal support for nursing workforce develop-*
 19 *ment.*

20 ***SEC. 123. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.***

21 *Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.*
 22 *296k et seq.) is amended—*

23 *(1) by striking the title heading and all that fol-*
 24 *lows except for subpart II of part B and sections 846*
 25 *and 855; and inserting the following:*

**“TITLE VIII—NURSING
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT”;**

(2) in subpart II of part B, by striking the subpart heading and inserting the following:

“PART E—STUDENT LOANS”;

(3) by striking section 837;

(4) by inserting after the title heading the following new parts:

“PART A—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“SEC. 801. DEFINITIONS.

“As used in this title:

“(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The term ‘eligible entities’ means schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, State or local governments, and other public or private nonprofit entities determined appropriate by the Secretary that submit to the Secretary an application in accordance with section 802.

“(2) SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The term ‘school of nursing’ means a collegiate, associate degree, or diploma school of nursing in a State.

“(3) COLLEGIATE SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The term ‘collegiate school of nursing’ means a department, division, or other administrative unit in a college or university which provides primarily or exclusively a program of education in professional nursing

1 *and related subjects leading to the degree of bachelor*
 2 *of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of nursing, or to*
 3 *an equivalent degree, or to a graduate degree in nurs-*
 4 *ing, or to an equivalent degree, and including ad-*
 5 *vanced training related to such program of education*
 6 *provided by such school, but only if such program, or*
 7 *such unit, college or university is accredited.*

8 “(4) ASSOCIATE DEGREE SCHOOL OF NURS-

9 *ING.—The term ‘associate degree school of nursing’*
 10 *means a department, division, or other administra-*
 11 *tive unit in a junior college, community college, col-*
 12 *lege, or university which provides primarily or exclu-*
 13 *sively a two-year program of education in profes-*
 14 *sional nursing and allied subjects leading to an asso-*
 15 *ciate degree in nursing or to an equivalent degree, but*
 16 *only if such program, or such unit, college, or univer-*
 17 *sity is accredited.*

18 “(5) DIPLOMA SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The term

19 *‘diploma school of nursing’ means a school affiliated*
 20 *with a hospital or university, or an independent*
 21 *school, which provides primarily or exclusively a pro-*
 22 *gram of education in professional nursing and allied*
 23 *subjects leading to a diploma or to equivalent indicia*
 24 *that such program has been satisfactorily completed,*
 25 *but only if such program, or such affiliated school or*

1 *such hospital or university or such independent school*
2 *is accredited.*

3 “(6) *ACCREDITED.*—

4 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in*
5 *subparagraph (B), the term ‘accredited’ when*
6 *applied to any program of nurse education*
7 *means a program accredited by a recognized*
8 *body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved*
9 *for such purpose by the Secretary of Education*
10 *and when applied to a hospital, school, college,*
11 *or university (or a unit thereof) means a hos-*
12 *pital, school, college, or university (or a unit*
13 *thereof) which is accredited by a recognized body*
14 *or bodies, or by a State agency, approved for*
15 *such purpose by the Secretary of Education. For*
16 *the purpose of this paragraph, the Secretary of*
17 *Education shall publish a list of recognized ac-*
18 *crediting bodies, and of State agencies, which the*
19 *Secretary of Education determines to be reliable*
20 *authority as to the quality of education offered.*

21 “(B) *NEW PROGRAMS.*—*A new program of*
22 *nursing that, by reason of an insufficient period*
23 *of operation, is not, at the time of the submission*
24 *of an application for a grant or contract under*
25 *this title, eligible for accreditation by such a rec-*

1 *ognized body or bodies or State agency, shall be*
 2 *deemed accredited for purposes of this title if the*
 3 *Secretary of Education finds, after consultation*
 4 *with the appropriate accreditation body or bod-*
 5 *ies, that there is reasonable assurance that the*
 6 *program will meet the accreditation standards of*
 7 *such body or bodies prior to the beginning of the*
 8 *academic year following the normal graduation*
 9 *date of students of the first entering class in such*
 10 *a program.*

11 “(7) *NONPROFIT.*—*The term ‘nonprofit’ as ap-*
 12 *plied to any school, agency, organization, or institu-*
 13 *tion means one which is a corporation or association,*
 14 *or is owned and operated by one or more corporations*
 15 *or associations, no part of the net earnings of which*
 16 *inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any*
 17 *private shareholder or individual.*

18 “(8) *STATE.*—*The term ‘State’ means a State,*
 19 *the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Co-*
 20 *lumbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana*
 21 *Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands,*
 22 *or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.*

23 **“SEC. 802. APPLICATION.**

24 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*To be eligible to receive a grant*
 25 *or contract under this title, an eligible entity shall prepare*

1 *and submit to the Secretary an application that meets the*
2 *requirements of this section, at such time, in such manner,*
3 *and containing such information as the Secretary may re-*
4 *quire.*

5 “(b) *PLAN.*—*An application submitted under this sec-*
6 *tion shall contain the plan of the applicant for carrying*
7 *out a project with amounts received under this title. Such*
8 *plan shall be consistent with relevant Federal, State, or re-*
9 *gional program plans.*

10 “(c) *PERFORMANCE OUTCOME STANDARDS.*—*An ap-*
11 *plication submitted under this section shall contain a speci-*
12 *fication by the applicant entity of performance outcome*
13 *standards that the project to be funded under the grant or*
14 *contract will be measured against. Such standards shall ad-*
15 *dress relevant national nursing needs that the project will*
16 *meet. The recipient of a grant or contract under this section*
17 *shall meet the standards set forth in the grant or contract*
18 *application.*

19 “(d) *LINKAGES.*—*An application submitted under this*
20 *section shall contain a description of the linkages with rel-*
21 *evant educational and health care entities, including train-*
22 *ing programs for other health professionals as appropriate,*
23 *that the project to be funded under the grant or contract*
24 *will establish.*

1 **“SEC. 803. USE OF FUNDS.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Amounts provided under a grant
3 or contract awarded under this title may be used for train-
4 ing program development and support, faculty develop-
5 ment, model demonstrations, trainee support including tui-
6 tion, books, program fees and reasonable living expenses
7 during the period of training, technical assistance, work-
8 force analysis, and dissemination of information, as appro-
9 priate to meet recognized nursing objectives, in accordance
10 with this title.

11 “(b) *MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.*—With respect to ac-
12 tivities for which a grant awarded under this title is to
13 be expended, the entity shall agree to maintain expenditures
14 of non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level that
15 is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained
16 by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year
17 for which the entity receives such a grant.

18 **“SEC. 804. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.**

19 “The Secretary may require that an entity that ap-
20 plies for a grant or contract under this title provide non-
21 Federal matching funds, as appropriate, to ensure the insti-
22 tutional commitment of the entity to the projects funded
23 under the grant. Such non-Federal matching funds may be
24 provided directly or through donations from public or pri-
25 vate entities and may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evalu-
26 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.

1 **“SEC. 805. PREFERENCE.**

2 *“In awarding grants or contracts under this title, the*
 3 *Secretary shall give preference to applicants with projects*
 4 *that will substantially benefit rural or underserved popu-*
 5 *lations, or help meet public health nursing needs in State*
 6 *or local health departments.*

7 **“SEC. 806. GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.**

8 *“(a) AWARDING OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—The*
 9 *Secretary shall ensure that grants and contracts under this*
 10 *title are awarded on a competitive basis, as appropriate,*
 11 *to carry out innovative demonstration projects or provide*
 12 *for strategic workforce supplementation activities as needed*
 13 *to meet national nursing service goals and in accordance*
 14 *with this title. Contracts may be entered into under this*
 15 *title with public or private entities as determined necessary*
 16 *by the Secretary.*

17 *“(b) INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.—*

18 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Recipients of grants and*
 19 *contracts under this title shall meet information re-*
 20 *quirements as specified by the Secretary.*

21 *“(2) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary shall estab-*
 22 *lish procedures to ensure the annual evaluation of*
 23 *programs and projects operated by recipients of*
 24 *grants under this title. Such procedures shall ensure*
 25 *that continued funding for such programs and*
 26 *projects will be conditioned upon a demonstration*

1 *that satisfactory progress has been made by the pro-*
2 *gram or project in meeting the objectives of the pro-*
3 *gram or project.*

4 “(c) *TRAINING PROGRAMS.*—*Training programs con-*
5 *ducted with amounts received under this title shall meet ap-*
6 *plicable accreditation and quality standards.*

7 “(d) *DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.*—

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to paragraph (2), in*
9 *the case of an award to an entity of a grant, coopera-*
10 *tive agreement, or contract under this title, the period*
11 *during which payments are made to the entity under*
12 *the award may not exceed 5 years. The provision of*
13 *payments under the award shall be subject to annual*
14 *approval by the Secretary of the payments and sub-*
15 *ject to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal*
16 *year involved to make the payments. This paragraph*
17 *may not be construed as limiting the number of*
18 *awards under the program involved that may be*
19 *made to the entity.*

20 “(2) *LIMITATION.*—*In the case of an award to*
21 *an entity of a grant, cooperative agreement, or con-*
22 *tract under this title, paragraph (1) shall apply only*
23 *to the extent not inconsistent with any other provi-*
24 *sion of this title that relates to the period during*
25 *which payments may be made under the award.*

1 “(e) *PEER REVIEW REGARDING CERTAIN PRO-*
2 *GRAMS.*—

3 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Each application for a grant*
4 *under this title, except advanced nurse traineeship*
5 *grants under section 811(a)(2), shall be submitted to*
6 *a peer review group for an evaluation of the merits*
7 *of the proposals made in the application. The Sec-*
8 *retary may not approve such an application unless a*
9 *peer review group has recommended the application*
10 *for approval.*

11 “(2) *COMPOSITION.*—*Each peer review group*
12 *under this subsection shall be composed principally of*
13 *individuals who are not officers or employees of the*
14 *Federal Government. In providing for the establish-*
15 *ment of peer review groups and procedures, the Sec-*
16 *retary shall, except as otherwise provided, ensure sex,*
17 *racial, ethnic, and geographic representation among*
18 *the membership of such groups.*

19 “(3) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*This subsection shall be*
20 *carried out by the Secretary acting through the Ad-*
21 *ministrator of the Health Resources and Services Ad-*
22 *ministration.*

23 “(f) *ANALYTIC ACTIVITIES.*—*The Secretary shall en-*
24 *sure that—*

1 “(1) *cross-cutting workforce analytical activities*
 2 *are carried out as part of the workforce information*
 3 *and analysis activities under this title; and*

4 “(2) *discipline-specific workforce information is*
 5 *developed and analytical activities are carried out as*
 6 *part of—*

7 “(A) *the advanced practice nursing activi-*
 8 *ties under part B;*

9 “(B) *the workforce diversity activities under*
 10 *part C; and*

11 “(C) *basic nursing education and practice*
 12 *activities under part D.*

13 “(g) *STATE AND REGIONAL PRIORITIES.—Activities*
 14 *under grants or contracts under this title shall, to the extent*
 15 *practicable, be consistent with related Federal, State, or re-*
 16 *gional nursing professions program plans and priorities.*

17 “(h) *FILING OF APPLICATIONS.—*

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Applications for grants or*
 19 *contracts under this title may be submitted by health*
 20 *professions schools, schools of nursing, academic*
 21 *health centers, State or local governments, or other*
 22 *appropriate public or private nonprofit entities as de-*
 23 *termined appropriate by the Secretary in accordance*
 24 *with this title.*

1 “(2) *FOR PROFIT ENTITIES.*—Notwithstanding
 2 *paragraph (1), a for-profit entity may be eligible for*
 3 *a grant or contract under this title as determined ap-*
 4 *propriated by the Secretary.*

5 **“SEC. 807. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

6 *“Funds appropriated under this title may be used by*
 7 *the Secretary to provide technical assistance in relation to*
 8 *any of the authorities under this title.*

9 **“PART B—NURSE PRACTITIONERS, NURSE MID-**
 10 **WIVES, NURSE ANESTHETISTS, AND OTHER**
 11 **ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES**

12 **“SEC. 811. ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING GRANTS.**

13 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants*
 14 *to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to meet the*
 15 *costs of—*

16 *“(1) projects that support the enhancement of ad-*
 17 *vanced practice nursing education and practice; and*

18 *“(2) traineeships for individuals in advanced*
 19 *practice nursing programs.*

20 **“(b) DEFINITION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES.—**

21 *For purposes of this section, the term ‘advanced practice*
 22 *nurses’ means individuals trained in advanced degree pro-*
 23 *grams including individuals in combined R.N./Master’s de-*
 24 *gree programs, post-nursing master’s certificate programs,*
 25 *or, in the case of nurse midwives, in certificate programs*

1 *in existence on the date that is one day prior to the date*
 2 *of enactment of this section, to serve as nurse practitioners,*
 3 *clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives, nurse anes-*
 4 *thetists, nurse educators, nurse administrators, or public*
 5 *health nurses, or in other nurse specialties determined by*
 6 *the Secretary to require advanced education.*

7 “(c) *AUTHORIZED NURSE PRACTITIONER AND NURSE-*
 8 *MIDWIFERY PROGRAMS.*—*Nurse practitioner and nurse*
 9 *midwifery programs eligible for support under this section*
 10 *are educational programs for registered nurses (irrespective*
 11 *of the type of school of nursing in which the nurses received*
 12 *their training) that—*

13 “(1) *meet guidelines prescribed by the Secretary;*
 14 *and*

15 “(2) *have as their objective the education of*
 16 *nurses who will upon completion of their studies in*
 17 *such programs, be qualified to effectively provide pri-*
 18 *mary health care, including primary health care in*
 19 *homes and in ambulatory care facilities, long-term*
 20 *care facilities, acute care, and other health care set-*
 21 *tings.*

22 “(d) *AUTHORIZED NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAMS.*—
 23 *Nurse anesthesia programs eligible for support under this*
 24 *section are education programs that—*

1 “(1) *provide registered nurses with full-time an-*
 2 *esthetist education; and*

3 “(2) *are accredited by the Council on Accredita-*
 4 *tion of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.*

5 “(e) *OTHER AUTHORIZED EDUCATIONAL PRO-*
 6 *GRAMS.—The Secretary shall prescribe guidelines as appro-*
 7 *priate for other advanced practice nurse education pro-*
 8 *grams eligible for support under this section.*

9 “(f) *TRAINEESHIPS.—*

10 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not*
 11 *award a grant to an applicant under subsection (a)*
 12 *unless the applicant involved agrees that traineeships*
 13 *provided with the grant will only pay all or part of*
 14 *the costs of—*

15 “(A) *the tuition, books, and fees of the pro-*
 16 *gram of advanced nursing practice with respect*
 17 *to which the traineeship is provided; and*

18 “(B) *the reasonable living expenses of the*
 19 *individual during the period for which the*
 20 *traineeship is provided.*

21 “(2) *DOCTORAL PROGRAMS.—The Secretary may*
 22 *not obligate more than 10 percent of the traineeships*
 23 *under subsection (a) for individuals in doctorate de-*
 24 *gree programs.*

10 **“SEC. 821. WORKFORCE DIVERSITY GRANTS.**

19 “(b) *GUIDANCE.*—In carrying out subsection (a), the
20 Secretary shall take into consideration the recommenda-
21 tions of the First, Second and Third Invitational Congresses
22 for Minority Nurse Leaders on ‘Caring for the Emerging
23 Majority,’ in 1992, 1993 and 1997, and consult with nurs-
24 ing associations including the American Nurses Associa-
25 tion, the National League for Nursing, the American Asso-

1 *ciation of Colleges of Nursing, the National Black Nurses*
 2 *Association, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses,*
 3 *the Association of Asian American and Pacific Islander*
 4 *Nurses, the Native American Indian and Alaskan Nurses*
 5 *Association, and the National Council of State Boards of*
 6 *Nursing.*

7 “(c) *REQUIRED INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS FOR*
 8 *AWARD RECIPIENTS.—*

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—*Recipients of awards under
 10 *this section may be required, where requested, to re-*
 11 *port to the Secretary concerning the annual admis-*
 12 *sion, retention, and graduation rates for individuals*
 13 *from disadvantaged backgrounds and ethnic and ra-*
 14 *cial minorities in the school or schools involved in the*
 15 *projects.*

16 “(2) *FALLING RATES.—*If any of the rates re-
 17 *ported under paragraph (1) fall below the average of*
 18 *the two previous years, the grant or contract recipient*
 19 *shall provide the Secretary with plans for imme-*
 20 *diately improving such rates.*

21 “(3) *INELIGIBILITY.—*A recipient described in
 22 *paragraph (2) shall be ineligible for continued fund-*
 23 *ing under this section if the plan of the recipient fails*
 24 *to improve the rates within the 1-year period begin-*
 25 *ning on the date such plan is implemented.*

1 **“PART D—STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR BASIC**
 2 **NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE**

3 **“SEC. 831. BASIC NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE**
 4 **GRANTS.**

5 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may award grants*
 6 *to and enter into contracts with eligible entities for projects*
 7 *to strengthen capacity for basic nurse education and prac-*
 8 *tice.*

9 “(b) *PRIORITY AREAS.*—*In awarding grants or con-*
 10 *tracts under this section the Secretary shall give priority*
 11 *to entities that will use amounts provided under such a*
 12 *grant or contract to enhance the educational mix and utili-*
 13 *zation of the basic nursing workforce by strengthening pro-*
 14 *grams that provide basic nurse education, such as*
 15 *through—*

16 “(1) *establishing or expanding nursing practice*
 17 *arrangements in noninstitutional settings to dem-*
 18 *onstrate methods to improve access to primary health*
 19 *care in medically underserved communities;*

20 “(2) *providing care for underserved populations*
 21 *and other high-risk groups such as the elderly, indi-*
 22 *viduals with HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, the home-*
 23 *less, and victims of domestic violence;*

24 “(3) *providing managed care, quality improve-*
 25 *ment, and other skills needed to practice in existing*
 26 *and emerging organized health care systems;*

1 “(4) *developing cultural competencies among*
2 *nurses;*

3 “(5) *expanding the enrollment in baccalaureate*
4 *nursing programs;*

5 “(6) *promoting career mobility for nursing per-*
6 *sonnel in a variety of training settings and cross*
7 *training or specialty training among diverse popu-*
8 *lation groups;*

9 “(7) *providing education in informatics, includ-*
10 *ing distance learning methodologies; or*

11 “(8) *other priority areas as determined by the*
12 *Secretary.”;*

13 (5) *by adding at the end the following:*

14 **“PART F—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

15 **“SEC. 841. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 *“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out*
17 *sections 811, 821, and 831, \$65,000,000 for fiscal year*
18 *1998, and such sums as may be necessary in each of the*
19 *fiscal years 1999 through 2002.*

20 **“PART G—NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON**

21 **NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE**

22 **“SEC. 845. NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NURSE EDU-**
23 **CATION AND PRACTICE.**

24 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish*
25 *an advisory council to be known as the National Advisory*

1 *Council on Nurse Education and Practice (in this section*
 2 *referred to as the ‘Advisory Council’).*

3 “(b) *COMPOSITION.*—

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Advisory Council shall*
 5 *be composed of*

6 “(A) *not less than 21, nor more than 23 in-*
 7 *dividuals, who are not officers or employees of*
 8 *the Federal Government, appointed by the Sec-*
 9 *retary without regard to the Federal civil service*
 10 *laws, of which—*

11 “(i) *2 shall be selected from full-time*
 12 *students enrolled in schools of nursing;*

13 “(ii) *2 shall be selected from the gen-*
 14 *eral public;*

15 “(iii) *2 shall be selected from practic-*
 16 *ing professional nurses; and*

17 “(iv) *9 shall be selected from among*
 18 *the leading authorities in the various fields*
 19 *of nursing, higher, secondary education,*
 20 *and associate degree schools of nursing, and*
 21 *from representatives of advanced practice*
 22 *nursing groups (such as nurse practitioners,*
 23 *nurse midwives, and nurse anesthetists),*
 24 *hospitals, and other institutions and orga-*

1 nizations which provide nursing services;
2 and

3 “(B) the Secretary (or the delegate of the
4 Secretary (who shall be an *ex officio* member and
5 shall serve as the Chairperson)).

6 “(2) *APPOINTMENT*.—Not later than 90 days
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 shall appoint the members of the Advisory Council
9 and each such member shall serve a 4 year term. In
10 making such appointments, the Secretary shall ensure
11 a fair balance between the nursing professions, a
12 broad geographic representation of members and a
13 balance between urban and rural members. Members
14 shall be appointed based on their competence, interest,
15 and knowledge of the mission of the profession in-
16 volved. A majority of the members shall be nurses.

17 “(3) *MINORITY REPRESENTATION*.—In appoint-
18 ing the members of the Advisory Council under para-
19 graph (1), the Secretary shall ensure the adequate
20 representation of minorities.

21 “(c) *VACANCIES*.—

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL*.—A vacancy on the Advisory
23 Council shall be filled in the manner in which the
24 original appointment was made and shall be subject

1 to any conditions which applied with respect to the
2 original appointment.

3 “(2) *FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM.*—An individual
4 chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the un-
5 expired term of the member replaced.

6 “(d) *DUTIES.*—The Advisory Council shall—

7 “(1) provide advice and recommendations to the
8 Secretary and Congress concerning policy matters
9 arising in the administration of this title, including
10 the range of issues relating to the nurse workforce,
11 education, and practice improvement;

12 “(2) provide advice to the Secretary and Con-
13 gress in the preparation of general regulations and
14 with respect to policy matters arising in the adminis-
15 tration of this title, including the range of issues re-
16 lating to nurse supply, education and practice im-
17 provement; and

18 “(3) not later than 3 years after the date of en-
19 actment of this section, and annually thereafter, pre-
20 pare and submit to the Secretary, the Committee on
21 Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, and the
22 Committee on Commerce of the House of Representa-
23 tives, a report describing the activities of the Council,
24 including findings and recommendations made by the
25 Council concerning the activities under this title.

1 “(e) *MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS.*—

2 “(1) *MEETINGS.*—*The Advisory Council shall*
3 *meet not less than 2 times each year. Such meetings*
4 *shall be held jointly with other related entities estab-*
5 *lished under this title where appropriate.*

6 “(2) *DOCUMENTS.*—*Not later than 14 days prior*
7 *to the convening of a meeting under paragraph (1),*
8 *the Advisory Council shall prepare and make avail-*
9 *able an agenda of the matters to be considered by the*
10 *Advisory Council at such meeting. At any such meet-*
11 *ing, the Advisory Council shall distribute materials*
12 *with respect to the issues to be addressed at the meet-*
13 *ing. Not later than 30 days after the adjourning of*
14 *such a meeting, the Advisory Council shall prepare*
15 *and make available a summary of the meeting and*
16 *any actions taken by the Council based upon the*
17 *meeting.*

18 “(f) *COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.*—

19 “(1) *COMPENSATION.*—*Each member of the Advi-*
20 *sory Council shall be compensated at a rate equal to*
21 *the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay*
22 *prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule*
23 *under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for*
24 *each day (including travel time) during which such*
25 *member is engaged in the performance of the duties*

1 *of the Council. All members of the Council who are*
2 *officers or employees of the United States shall serve*
3 *without compensation in addition to that received for*
4 *their services as officers or employees of the United*
5 *States.*

6 “(2) *EXPENSES.*—*The members of the Advisory*
7 *Council shall be allowed travel expenses, including*
8 *per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for*
9 *employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter*
10 *57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from*
11 *their homes or regular places of business in the per-*
12 *formance of services for the Council.*

13 “(g) *FUNDING.*—*Amounts appropriated under this*
14 *title may be utilized by the Secretary to support the nurse*
15 *education and practice activities of the Council.*

16 “(h) *FACA.*—*The Federal Advisory Committee Act*
17 *shall apply to the Advisory Committee under this section*
18 *only to the extent that the provisions of such Act do not*
19 *conflict with the requirements of this section.”; and*

20 (6) *by redesignating section 855 as section 810,*
21 *and transferring such section so as to appear after*
22 *section 809 (as added by the amendment made by*
23 *paragraph (5)).*

1 **SEC. 124. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

2 *In the case of any authority for making awards of*
 3 *grants or contracts that is terminated by the amendment*
 4 *made by section 123, the Secretary of Health and Human*
 5 *Services may, notwithstanding the termination of the au-*
 6 *thority, continue in effect any grant or contract made under*
 7 *the authority that is in effect on the day before the date*
 8 *of the enactment of this Act, subject to the duration of any*
 9 *such grant or contract not exceeding the period determined*
 10 *by the Secretary in first approving such financial assist-*
 11 *ance, or in approving the most recent request made (before*
 12 *the date of such enactment) for continuation of such assist-*
 13 *ance, as the case may be.*

14 ***Subtitle C—Financial Assistance***

15 ***CHAPTER 1—SCHOOL-BASED REVOLVING LOAN***

16 ***FUNDS***

17 **SEC. 131. PRIMARY CARE LOAN PROGRAM.**

18 (a) *REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOLS.*—Section 723(b)(1)
 19 *of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292s(b)(1)), as*
 20 *amended by section 2014(c)(2)(A)(ii) of Public Law 103–*
 21 *43 (107 Stat. 216), is amended by striking “3 years before”*
 22 *and inserting “4 years before”.*

23 (b) *NONCOMPLIANCE.*—Section 723(a)(3) *of the Public*
 24 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292s(a)(3)) is amended to*
 25 *read as follows:*

1 “(3) *NONCOMPLIANCE BY STUDENT.*—Each
 2 *agreement entered into with a student pursuant to*
 3 *paragraph (1) shall provide that, if the student fails*
 4 *to comply with such agreement, the loan involved will*
 5 *begin to accrue interest at a rate of 18 percent per*
 6 *year beginning on the date of such noncompliance.”.*

7 *(c) REPORT REQUIREMENT.*—Section 723 of the Pub-
 8 *lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292s) is amended—*
 9 *(1) by striking subsection (c); and*
 10 *(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection*
 11 *(c).*

12 **SEC. 132. LOANS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS.**

13 *(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section
 14 *724(f)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.*
 15 *292t(f)(1)) is amended by striking “\$15,000,000 for fiscal*
 16 *year 1993” and inserting “\$8,000,000 for each of the fiscal*
 17 *years 1998 through 2002”.*

18 *(b) REPEAL.*—Effective October 1, 2002, paragraph
 19 *(1) of section 724(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 20 *U.S.C. 292t(f)(1)) is repealed.*

21 **SEC. 133. STUDENT LOANS REGARDING SCHOOLS OF**
 22 **NURSING.**

23 *(a) IN GENERAL.*—Section 836(b) of the Public Health
 24 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297b(b)) is amended—*

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (2)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”
5 at the end; and

6 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at the
7 end the following: “, and (C) such additional pe-
8 riods under the terms of paragraph (8) of this
9 subsection”;

10 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
11 the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following para-
13 graph:

14 “(8) pursuant to uniform criteria established by
15 the Secretary, the repayment period established under
16 paragraph (2) for any student borrower who during
17 the repayment period failed to make consecutive pay-
18 ments and who, during the last 12 months of the re-
19 payment period, has made at least 12 consecutive
20 payments may be extended for a period not to exceed
21 10 years.”.

22 (b) *MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENTS.*—Section 836(g) of
23 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297b(g)) is
24 amended by striking “\$15” and inserting “\$40”.

1 (c) *ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR*
2 *LOAN COLLECTIONS.*—

3 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 836 of the Public
4 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297b) is amended by*
5 *adding at the end the following new subsection:*

6 “(l) *ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR*
7 *LOAN COLLECTIONS.*—

8 “(1) *PURPOSE.*—It is the purpose of this sub-
9 *section to ensure that obligations to repay loans*
10 *under this section are enforced without regard to any*
11 *Federal or State statutory, regulatory, or administra-*
12 *tive limitation on the period within which debts may*
13 *be enforced.*

14 “(2) *PROHIBITION.*—Notwithstanding any other
15 *provision of Federal or State law, no limitation shall*
16 *terminate the period within which suit may be filed,*
17 *a judgment may be enforced, or an offset, garnish-*
18 *ment, or other action may be initiated or taken by a*
19 *school of nursing that has an agreement with the Sec-*
20 *retary pursuant to section 835 that is seeking the re-*
21 *payment of the amount due from a borrower on a*
22 *loan made under this subpart after the default of the*
23 *borrower on such loan.”.*

1 (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by*
 2 *paragraph (1) shall be effective with respect to actions*
 3 *pending on or after the date of enactment of this Act.*

4 (d) *BREACH OF AGREEMENTS.*—*Section 846 of the*
 5 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297n) is amended by*
 6 *adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:*

7 “(h) *BREACH OF AGREEMENT.*—

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In the case of any program*
 9 *under this section under which an individual makes*
 10 *an agreement to provide health services for a period*
 11 *of time in accordance with such program in consider-*
 12 *ation of receiving an award of Federal funds regard-*
 13 *ing education as a nurse (including an award for the*
 14 *repayment of loans), the following applies if the*
 15 *agreement provides that this subsection is applicable:*

16 “(A) *In the case of a program under this*
 17 *section that makes an award of Federal funds for*
 18 *attending an accredited program of nursing (in*
 19 *this section referred to as a ‘nursing program’),*
 20 *the individual is liable to the Federal Govern-*
 21 *ment for the amount of such award (including*
 22 *amounts provided for expenses related to such at-*
 23 *tendance), and for interest on such amount at*
 24 *the maximum legal prevailing rate, if the indi-*
 25 *vidual—*

1 “(i) fails to maintain an acceptable
 2 level of academic standing in the nursing
 3 program (as indicated by the program in
 4 accordance with requirements established by
 5 the Secretary);

6 “(ii) is dismissed from the nursing
 7 program for disciplinary reasons; or

8 “(iii) voluntarily terminates the nurs-
 9 ing program.

10 “(B) The individual is liable to the Federal
 11 Government for the amount of such award (in-
 12 cluding amounts provided for expenses related to
 13 such attendance), and for interest on such
 14 amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, if
 15 the individual fails to provide health services in
 16 accordance with the program under this section
 17 for the period of time applicable under the pro-
 18 gram.

19 “(2) WAIVER OR SUSPENSION OF LIABILITY.—In
 20 the case of an individual or health facility making an
 21 agreement for purposes of paragraph (1), the Sec-
 22 retary shall provide for the waiver or suspension of
 23 liability under such subsection if compliance by the
 24 individual or the health facility, as the case may be,
 25 with the agreements involved is impossible, or would

1 *involve extreme hardship to the individual or facility,*
 2 *and if enforcement of the agreements with respect to*
 3 *the individual or facility would be unconscionable.*

4 “(3) *DATE CERTAIN FOR RECOVERY.*—Subject to
 5 *paragraph (2), any amount that the Federal Govern-*
 6 *ment is entitled to recover under paragraph (1) shall*
 7 *be paid to the United States not later than the expi-*
 8 *ration of the 3-year period beginning on the date the*
 9 *United States becomes so entitled.*

10 “(4) *AVAILABILITY.*—Amounts recovered under
 11 *paragraph (1) with respect to a program under this*
 12 *section shall be available for the purposes of such pro-*
 13 *gram, and shall remain available for such purposes*
 14 *until expended.”.*

15 (e) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.*—Section 839 of the
 16 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297e) is amended—*
 17 (1) *in subsection (a)—*

18 (A) *by striking the matter preceding para-*
 19 *graph (1) and inserting the following:*

20 “(a) *If a school terminates a loan fund established*
 21 *under an agreement pursuant to section 835(b), or if the*
 22 *Secretary for good cause terminates the agreement with the*
 23 *school, there shall be a capital distribution as follows:”;* and

1 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “at the
 2 close of September 30, 1999,” and inserting “on
 3 the date of termination of the fund”; and
 4 (2) in subsection (b), to read as follows:

5 “(b) If a capital distribution is made under subsection
 6 (a), the school involved shall, after such capital distribution,
 7 pay to the Secretary, not less often than quarterly, the same
 8 proportionate share of amounts received by the school in
 9 payment of principal or interest on loans made from the
 10 loan fund established under section 835(b) as determined
 11 by the Secretary under subsection (a).”.

12 **SEC. 134. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

13 (a) *MAXIMUM STUDENT LOAN PROVISIONS AND MINI-*
 14 *MUM PAYMENTS.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 722(a)(1) of the Pub-
 16 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r(a)(1)), as
 17 amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law 103–43,
 18 is amended by striking “the sum of” and all that fol-
 19 lows through the end thereof and inserting “the cost
 20 of attendance (including tuition, other reasonable
 21 educational expenses, and reasonable living costs) for
 22 that year at the educational institution attended by
 23 the student (as determined by such educational insti-
 24 tution).”.

1 (2) *THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS.*—Section
 2 722(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 3 292r(a)(2)), as amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Pub-
 4 lic Law 103–43, is amended by striking “the amount
 5 \$2,500” and all that follows through “including such
 6 \$2,500)” and inserting “the amount of the loan may,
 7 in the case of the third or fourth year of a student
 8 at a school of medicine or osteopathic medicine, be in-
 9 creased to the extent necessary”.

10 (3) *REPAYMENT PERIOD.*—Section 722(c) of the
 11 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r(c)), as
 12 amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law 103–43,
 13 is amended—

14 (A) in the subsection heading by striking
 15 “TEN-YEAR” and inserting “REPAYMENT”;

16 (B) by striking “ten-year period which be-
 17 gins” and inserting “period of not less than 10
 18 years nor more than 25 years, at the discretion
 19 of the institution, which begins”; and

20 (C) by striking “such ten-year period” and
 21 inserting “such period”.

22 (4) *MINIMUM PAYMENTS.*—Section 722(j) of the
 23 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r(j)), as
 24 amended by section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law 103–43,
 25 is amended by striking “\$15” and inserting \$40”.

1 (b) *ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR*
 2 *LOAN COLLECTIONS.*—

3 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 722 of the Public
 4 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292r), as amended by*
 5 *section 2014(b)(1) of Public Law 103–43, is amended*
 6 *by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

7 “(m) *ELIMINATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR*
 8 *LOAN COLLECTIONS.*—

9 “(1) *PURPOSE.*—It is the purpose of this sub-
 10 *section to ensure that obligations to repay loans*
 11 *under this section are enforced without regard to any*
 12 *Federal or State statutory, regulatory, or administra-*
 13 *tive limitation on the period within which debts may*
 14 *be enforced.*

15 “(2) *PROHIBITION.*—Notwithstanding any other
 16 *provision of Federal or State law, no limitation shall*
 17 *terminate the period within which suit may be filed,*
 18 *a judgment may be enforced, or an offset, garnish-*
 19 *ment, or other action may be initiated or taken by a*
 20 *school that has an agreement with the Secretary pur-*
 21 *suant to section 721 that is seeking the repayment of*
 22 *the amount due from a borrower on a loan made*
 23 *under this subpart after the default of the borrower on*
 24 *such loan.”.*

1 (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by*
 2 *paragraph (1) shall be effective with respect to actions*
 3 *pending on or after the date of enactment of this Act.*

4 (c) *DATE CERTAIN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.*—*Paragraph*
 5 *(2) of section 735(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 6 *U.S.C. 292y(e)(2)) is amended to read as follows:*

7 “(2) *DATE CERTAIN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.*—
 8 *Amounts described in paragraph (1) that are re-*
 9 *turned to the Secretary shall be obligated before the*
 10 *end of the succeeding fiscal year.”.*

11 **CHAPTER 2—INSURED HEALTH EDUCATION**

12 **ASSISTANCE LOANS TO GRADUATE STUDENTS**

13 **SEC. 141. HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PRO-**
 14 **GRAM.**

15 (a) *HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN*
 16 *DEFERMENT FOR BORROWERS PROVIDING HEALTH SERV-*
 17 *ICES TO INDIANS.*—

18 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 705(a)(2)(C) of the*
 19 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292d(a)(2)(C))*
 20 *is amended by striking “and (x)” and inserting “(x)*
 21 *not in excess of three years, during which the bor-*
 22 *rower is providing health care services to Indians*
 23 *through an Indian health program (as defined in sec-*
 24 *tion 108(a)(2)(A) of the Indian Health Care Improve-*
 25 *ment Act (25 U.S.C. 1616a(a)(2)(A)); and (xi)”.*

1 (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section*
 2 705(a)(2)(C) *of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 3 *U.S.C. 292d(a)(2)(C)) is further amended—*

4 *(A) in clause (xi) (as so redesignated) by*
 5 *striking “(ix)” and inserting “(x)”;* *and*

6 *(B) in the matter following such clause (xi),*
 7 *by striking “(x)” and inserting “(xi)”.*

8 (3) *EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made*
 9 *by this subsection shall apply with respect to services*
 10 *provided on or after the first day of the third month*
 11 *that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

12 (b) *REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Section 709(b) of the*
 13 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292h(b)) is*
 14 *amended—*

15 *(1) in paragraph (4)(B), by adding “and” after*
 16 *the semicolon;*

17 *(2) in paragraph (5), by striking “; and” and*
 18 *inserting a period; and*

19 *(3) by striking paragraph (6).*

20 (c) *COLLECTION FROM ESTATES.—Section 714 of the*
 21 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292m) is amended*
 22 *by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Notwith-*
 23 *standing the first sentence, the Secretary may, in the case*
 24 *of a borrower who dies, collect any remaining unpaid bal-*

1 *ance owed to the lender, the holder of the loan, or the Fed-*
 2 *eral Government from the borrower's estate."*

3 *(d) PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—*

4 *(1) LIMITATIONS ON LOANS.—Section 703(a) of*
 5 *the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292b(a)) is*
 6 *amended by striking "or clinical psychology" and in-*
 7 *serting "or behavioral and mental health practice, in-*
 8 *cluding clinical psychology".*

9 *(2) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—*

10 *Section 719(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 11 *U.S.C. 292o(1)) is amended by striking "or clinical*
 12 *psychology" and inserting "or behavioral and mental*
 13 *health practice, including clinical psychology".*

14 **SEC. 142. HEAL LENDER AND HOLDER PERFORMANCE**
 15 **STANDARDS.**

16 *(a) GENERAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 707(a) of the*
 17 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292f) is amended—*

18 *(1) by striking the last sentence;*

19 *(2) by striking "determined." and inserting "de-*
 20 *termined, except that, if the insurance beneficiary in-*
 21 *cluding any servicer of the loan is not designated for*
 22 *'exceptional performance', as set forth in paragraph*
 23 *(2), the Secretary shall pay to the beneficiary a sum*
 24 *equal to 98 percent of the amount of the loss sustained*
 25 *by the insured upon that loan.";*

1 (3) *by striking “Upon” and inserting:*

2 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon”; and*

3 (4) *by adding at the end the following new para-*
4 *graph:*

5 “(2) *EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE.—*

6 “(A) *AUTHORITY.—Where the Secretary de-*
7 *termines that an eligible lender, holder, or*
8 *servicer has a compliance performance rating*
9 *that equals or exceeds 97 percent, the Secretary*
10 *shall designate that eligible lender, holder, or*
11 *servicer, as the case may be, for exceptional per-*
12 *formance.*

13 “(B) *COMPLIANCE PERFORMANCE RAT-*
14 *ING.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), a com-*
15 *pliance performance rating is determined with*
16 *respect to compliance with due diligence in the*
17 *disbursement, servicing, and collection of loans*
18 *under this subpart for each year for which the*
19 *determination is made. Such rating shall be*
20 *equal to the percentage of all due diligence re-*
21 *quirements applicable to each loan, on average,*
22 *as established by the Secretary, with respect to*
23 *loans serviced during the period by the eligible*
24 *lender, holder, or servicer.*

1 “(C) *ANNUAL AUDITS FOR LENDERS, HOLD-*
2 *ERS, AND SERVICERS.—Each eligible lender,*
3 *holder, or servicer desiring a designation under*
4 *subparagraph (A) shall have an annual finan-*
5 *cial and compliance audit conducted with re-*
6 *spect to the loan portfolio of such eligible lender,*
7 *holder, or servicer, by a qualified independent*
8 *organization from a list of qualified organiza-*
9 *tions identified by the Secretary and in accord-*
10 *ance with standards established by the Secretary.*
11 *The standards shall measure the lender’s, hold-*
12 *er’s, or servicer’s compliance with due diligence*
13 *standards and shall include a defined statistical*
14 *sampling technique designed to measure the per-*
15 *formance rating of the eligible lender, holder, or*
16 *servicer for the purpose of this section. Each eli-*
17 *gible lender, holder, or servicer shall submit the*
18 *audit required by this section to the Secretary.*

19 “(D) *SECRETARY’S DETERMINATIONS.—The*
20 *Secretary shall make the determination under*
21 *subparagraph (A) based upon the audits submit-*
22 *ted under this paragraph and any information*
23 *in the possession of the Secretary or submitted*
24 *by any other agency or office of the Federal Gov-*
25 *ernment.*

1 “(E) *QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE AUDIT.*—To
2 *maintain its status as an exceptional performer,*
3 *the lender, holder, or servicer shall undergo a*
4 *quarterly compliance audit at the end of each*
5 *quarter (other than the quarter in which status*
6 *as an exceptional performer is established*
7 *through a financial and compliance audit, as de-*
8 *scribed in subparagraph (C)), and submit the re-*
9 *sults of such audit to the Secretary. The compli-*
10 *ance audit shall review compliance with due*
11 *diligence requirements for the period beginning*
12 *on the day after the ending date of the previous*
13 *audit, in accordance with standards determined*
14 *by the Secretary.*

15 “(F) *REVOCATION AUTHORITY.*—The Sec-
16 *retary shall revoke the designation of a lender,*
17 *holder, or servicer under subparagraph (A) if*
18 *any quarterly audit required under subpara-*
19 *graph (E) is not received by the Secretary by the*
20 *date established by the Secretary or if the audit*
21 *indicates the lender, holder, or servicer has failed*
22 *to meet the standards for designation as an ex-*
23 *ceptional performer under subparagraph (A). A*
24 *lender, holder, or servicer receiving a compliance*
25 *audit not meeting the standard for designation*

1 *as an exceptional performer may reapply for*
2 *designation under subparagraph (A) at any*
3 *time.*

4 “(G) *DOCUMENTATION.*—*Nothing in this*
5 *section shall restrict or limit the authority of the*
6 *Secretary to require the submission of claims*
7 *documentation evidencing servicing performed on*
8 *loans, except that the Secretary may not require*
9 *exceptional performers to submit greater docu-*
10 *mentation than that required for lenders, holders,*
11 *and servicers not designated under subparagraph*
12 *(A).*

13 “(H) *COST OF AUDITS.*—*Each eligible lend-*
14 *er, holder, or servicer shall pay for all the costs*
15 *associated with the audits required under this*
16 *section.*

17 “(I) *ADDITIONAL REVOCATION AUTHOR-*
18 *ITY.*—*Notwithstanding any other provision of*
19 *this section, a designation under subparagraph*
20 *(A) may be revoked at any time by the Secretary*
21 *if the Secretary determines that the eligible lend-*
22 *er, holder, or servicer has failed to maintain an*
23 *overall level of compliance consistent with the*
24 *audit submitted by the eligible lender, holder, or*
25 *servicer under this paragraph or if the Secretary*

1 *asserts that the lender, holder, or servicer may*
 2 *have engaged in fraud in securing designation*
 3 *under subparagraph (A) or is failing to service*
 4 *loans in accordance with program requirements.*

5 *“(J) NONCOMPLIANCE.—A lender, holder, or*
 6 *servicer designated under subparagraph (A) that*
 7 *fails to service loans or otherwise comply with*
 8 *applicable program regulations shall be consid-*
 9 *ered in violation of the Federal False Claims*
 10 *Act.”.*

11 *(b) DEFINITION.—Section 707(e) of the Public Health*
 12 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292f(e)) is amended by adding at*
 13 *the end the following new paragraph:*

14 *“(4) The term ‘servicer’ means any agency act-*
 15 *ing on behalf of the insurance beneficiary.”.*

16 *(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by sub-*
 17 *sections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to loans sub-*
 18 *mitted to the Secretary for payment on or after the first*
 19 *day of the sixth month that begins after the date of enact-*
 20 *ment of this Act.*

21 **SEC. 143. REAUTHORIZATION.**

22 *(a) LOAN PROGRAM.—Section 702(a) of the Public*
 23 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292a(a)) is amended—*

24 *(1) by striking “\$350,000,000” and all that fol-*
 25 *lows through “1995” and inserting “\$350,000,000 for*

1 *fiscal year 1998, \$375,000,000 for fiscal year 1999,*
 2 *and \$425,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000*
 3 *through 2002”;*

4 (2) *by striking “obtained prior loans insured*
 5 *under this subpart” and inserting “obtained loans in-*
 6 *sured under this subpart in fiscal year 2002 or in*
 7 *prior fiscal years”;*

8 (3) *by adding at the end thereof the following*
 9 *new sentence: “The Secretary may establish guidelines*
 10 *and procedures that lenders must follow in distribut-*
 11 *ing funds under this subpart.”; and*

12 (4) *by striking “September 30, 1998” and insert-*
 13 *ing “September 30, 2005”.*

14 (b) *INSURANCE PROGRAM.—Section 710(a)(2)(B) of*
 15 *the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292i(a)(2)(B)) is*
 16 *amended by striking “any of the fiscal years 1993 through*
 17 *1996” and inserting “fiscal year 1993 and subsequent fiscal*
 18 *years”.*

19 **SEC. 144. HEAL BANKRUPTCY.**

20 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Section 707(g) of the Public Health*
 21 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292f(g)) is amended in the first sen-*
 22 *tence by striking “A debt which is a loan insured” and in-*
 23 *serting “Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or*
 24 *State law, a debt that is a loan insured”.*

1 (b) *APPLICATION.*—*The amendment made by sub-*
 2 *section (a) shall apply to any loan insured under the au-*
 3 *thority of subpart I of part A of title VII of the Public*
 4 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 et seq.) that is listed*
 5 *or scheduled by the debtor in a case under title XI, United*
 6 *States Code, filed—*

7 (1) *on or after the date of enactment of this Act;*

8 *or*

9 (2) *prior to such date of enactment in which a*
 10 *discharge has not been granted.*

11 **SEC. 145. HEAL REFINANCING.**

12 *Section 706 of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 13 *U.S.C. 292e) is amended—*

14 (1) *in subsection (d)—*

15 (A) *in the subsection heading, by striking*
 16 *“CONSOLIDATION” and inserting “REFINANCING*
 17 *OR CONSOLIDATION”; and*

18 (B) *in the first sentence, by striking “in-*
 19 *debtedness” and inserting “indebtedness or the*
 20 *refinancing of a single loan”; and*

21 (2) *in subsection (e)—*

22 (A) *in the subsection heading, by striking*
 23 *“DEBTS” and inserting “DEBTS AND REFINANC-*
 24 *ING”;*

(B) in the first sentence, by striking “all of the borrower’s debts into a single instrument” and inserting “all of the borrower’s loans insured under this subpart into a single instrument (or, if the borrower obtained only 1 loan insured under this subpart, refinancing the loan 1 time)”; and

(C) in the second sentence, by striking “consolidation” and inserting “consolidation or refinancing”.

TITLE II—OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH

SEC. 201. REVISION AND EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS OF OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH.

(a) *DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS.*—Section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–6) is amended by striking subsection (b) and all that follows and inserting the following:

“(b) *DUTIES.*—With respect to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority groups, the Secretary, acting through the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health (in this section referred to as the ‘Deputy Assistant Secretary’), shall carry out the following:

“(1) Establish short-range and long-range goals and objectives and coordinate all other activities with-

1 *in the Public Health Service that relate to disease*
2 *prevention, health promotion, service delivery, and re-*
3 *search concerning such individuals. The heads of each*
4 *of the agencies of the Service shall consult with the*
5 *Deputy Assistant Secretary to ensure the coordination*
6 *of such activities.*

7 “(2) *Enter into interagency agreements with*
8 *other agencies of the Public Health Service.*

9 “(3) *Support research, demonstrations and eval-*
10 *uations to test new and innovative models.*

11 “(4) *Increase knowledge and understanding of*
12 *health risk factors.*

13 “(5) *Develop mechanisms that support better in-*
14 *formation dissemination, education, prevention, and*
15 *service delivery to individuals from disadvantaged*
16 *backgrounds, including individuals who are members*
17 *of racial or ethnic minority groups.*

18 “(6) *Ensure that the National Center for Health*
19 *Statistics collects data on the health status of each*
20 *minority group.*

21 “(7) *With respect to individuals who lack pro-*
22 *ficiency in speaking the English language, enter into*
23 *contracts with public and nonprofit private providers*
24 *of primary health services for the purpose of increas-*
25 *ing the access of the individuals to such services by*

1 *developing and carrying out programs to provide bi-*
 2 *lingual or interpretive services.*

3 “(8) *Support a national minority health re-*
 4 *source center to carry out the following:*

5 “(A) *Facilitate the exchange of information*
 6 *regarding matters relating to health information*
 7 *and health promotion, preventive health services,*
 8 *and education in the appropriate use of health*
 9 *care.*

10 “(B) *Facilitate access to such information.*

11 “(C) *Assist in the analysis of issues and*
 12 *problems relating to such matters.*

13 “(D) *Provide technical assistance with re-*
 14 *spect to the exchange of such information (in-*
 15 *cluding facilitating the development of materials*
 16 *for such technical assistance).*

17 “(9) *Carry out programs to improve access to*
 18 *health care services for individuals with limited pro-*
 19 *ficiency in speaking the English language. Activities*
 20 *under the preceding sentence shall include developing*
 21 *and evaluating model projects.*

22 “(c) *ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—*

23 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish*
 24 *an advisory committee to be known as the Advisory*

1 *Committee on Minority Health (in this subsection re-*
2 *ferred to as the ‘Committee’).*

3 “(2) *DUTIES.*—*The Committee shall provide ad-*
4 *vice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary carrying out*
5 *this section, including advice on the development of*
6 *goals and specific program activities under para-*
7 *graphs (1) through (9) of subsection (b) for each ra-*
8 *cial and ethnic minority group.*

9 “(3) *CHAIR.*—*The chairperson of the Committee*
10 *shall be selected by the Secretary from among the*
11 *members of the voting members of the Committee. The*
12 *term of office of the chairperson shall be 2 years.*

13 “(4) *COMPOSITION.*—

14 “(A) *The Committee shall be composed of 12*
15 *voting members appointed in accordance with*
16 *subparagraph (B), and nonvoting, ex officio*
17 *members designated in subparagraph (C).*

18 “(B) *The voting members of the Committee*
19 *shall be appointed by the Secretary from among*
20 *individuals who are not officers or employees of*
21 *the Federal Government and who have expertise*
22 *regarding issues of minority health. The racial*
23 *and ethnic minority groups shall be equally rep-*
24 *resented among such members.*

1 “(C) *The nonvoting, ex officio members of*
2 *the Committee shall be such officials of the De-*
3 *partment of Health and Human Services as the*
4 *Secretary determines to be appropriate.*

5 “(5) *TERMS.—Each member of the Committee*
6 *shall serve for a term of 4 years, except that the Sec-*
7 *retary shall initially appoint a portion of the mem-*
8 *bers to terms of 1 year, 2 years, and 3 years.*

9 “(6) *VACANCIES.—If a vacancy occurs on the*
10 *Committee, a new member shall be appointed by the*
11 *Secretary within 90 days from the date that the va-*
12 *cancy occurs, and serve for the remainder of the term*
13 *for which the predecessor of such member was ap-*
14 *pointed. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the*
15 *remaining members to execute the duties of the Com-*
16 *mittee.*

17 “(7) *COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commit-*
18 *tee who are officers or employees of the United States*
19 *shall serve without compensation. Members of the*
20 *Committee who are not officers or employees of the*
21 *United States shall receive compensation, for each*
22 *day (including travel time) they are engaged in the*
23 *performance of the functions of the Committee. Such*
24 *compensation may not be in an amount in excess of*
25 *the daily equivalent of the annual maximum rate of*

1 *basic pay payable under the General Schedule (under*
 2 *title 5, United States Code) for positions above GS–*
 3 *15.*

4 “(d) *CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DUTIES.—*

5 “(1) *RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LANGUAGE*
 6 *AS IMPEDIMENT TO HEALTH CARE.—The Deputy As-*
 7 *stant Secretary for Minority Health shall consult*
 8 *with the Director of the Office of International and*
 9 *Refugee Health, the Director of the Office of Civil*
 10 *Rights, and the Directors of other appropriate De-*
 11 *partmental entities regarding recommendations for*
 12 *carrying out activities under subsection (b)(9).*

13 “(2) *EQUITABLE ALLOCATION REGARDING AC-*
 14 *TIVITIES.—In carrying out subsection (b), the Sec-*
 15 *retary shall ensure that services provided under such*
 16 *subsection are equitably allocated among all groups*
 17 *served under this section by the Secretary.*

18 “(3) *CULTURAL COMPETENCY OF SERVICES.—*
 19 *The Secretary shall ensure that information and serv-*
 20 *ices provided pursuant to subsection (b) are provided*
 21 *in the language, educational, and cultural context*
 22 *that is most appropriate for the individuals for whom*
 23 *the information and services are intended.*

24 “(e) *GRANTS AND CONTRACTS REGARDING DUTIES.—*

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In carrying out subsection*
 2 *(b), the Secretary acting through the Deputy Assist-*
 3 *ant Secretary may make awards of grants, coopera-*
 4 *tive agreements, and contracts to public and non-*
 5 *profit private entities.*

6 “(2) *PROCESS FOR MAKING AWARDS.*—*The Dep-*
 7 *uty Assistant Secretary shall ensure that awards*
 8 *under paragraph (1) are made, to the extent prac-*
 9 *tical, only on a competitive basis, and that a grant*
 10 *is awarded for a proposal only if the proposal has*
 11 *been recommended for such an award through a proc-*
 12 *ess of peer review.*

13 “(3) *EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION.*—*The*
 14 *Deputy Assistant Secretary, directly or through con-*
 15 *tracts with public and private entities, shall provide*
 16 *for evaluations of projects carried out with awards*
 17 *made under paragraph (1) during the preceding 2 fis-*
 18 *cal years. The report shall be included in the report*
 19 *required under subsection (f) for the fiscal year in-*
 20 *volved.*

21 “(f) *REPORTS.*—

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than February 1 of*
 23 *fiscal year 1999 and of each second year thereafter,*
 24 *the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on En-*
 25 *ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives,*

1 *and to the Committee on Labor and Human Re-*
 2 *sources of the Senate, a report describing the activi-*
 3 *ties carried out under this section during the preced-*
 4 *ing 2 fiscal years and evaluating the extent to which*
 5 *such activities have been effective in improving the*
 6 *health of racial and ethnic minority groups. Each*
 7 *such report shall include the biennial reports submit-*
 8 *ted under sections 201(e)(3) and 201(f)(2) for such*
 9 *years by the heads of the Public Health Service agen-*
 10 *cies.*

11 *“(2) AGENCY REPORTS.—Not later than Feb-*
 12 *ruary 1, 1999, and biennially thereafter, the heads of*
 13 *the Public Health Service agencies shall submit to the*
 14 *Deputy Assistant Secretary a report summarizing the*
 15 *minority health activities of each of the respective*
 16 *agencies.*

17 *“(g) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section:*

18 *“(1) The term ‘racial and ethnic minority group’*
 19 *means American Indians (including Alaska Natives,*
 20 *Eskimos, and Aleuts); Asian Americans and Pacific*
 21 *Islanders; Blacks; and Hispanics.*

22 *“(2) The term ‘Hispanic’ means individuals*
 23 *whose origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Cen-*
 24 *tral or South American, or any other Spanish-speak-*
 25 *ing country.*

1 “(h) *FUNDING.*—

2 “(1) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*For*
 3 *the purpose of carrying out this section, there are au-*
 4 *thorized to be appropriated \$30,000,000 for fiscal*
 5 *year 1998, such sums as may be necessary for each*
 6 *of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.*”.

7 (b) *AUTHORIZATION FOR NATIONAL CENTER FOR*
 8 *HEALTH STATISTICS.*—*Section 306 of the Public Health*
 9 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k) is amended—*

10 (1) *in subsection (m), by adding at the end the*
 11 *following:*

12 “(4)(A) *Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary,*
 13 *acting through the Center, shall collect data on Hispanics*
 14 *and major Hispanic subpopulation groups and American*
 15 *Indians, and for developing special area population studies*
 16 *on major Asian American and Pacific Islander popu-*
 17 *lations.*

18 “(B) *The provisions of subparagraph (A) shall be effec-*
 19 *tive with respect to a fiscal year only to the extent that*
 20 *funds are appropriated pursuant to paragraph (3) of sub-*
 21 *section (n), and only if the amounts appropriated for such*
 22 *fiscal year pursuant to each of paragraphs (1) and (2) of*
 23 *subsection (n) equal or exceed the amounts so appropriated*
 24 *for fiscal year 1997.*”;

1 (2) in subsection (n)(1), by striking “through
2 1998” and inserting “through 2003”; and

3 (3) in subsection (n)

4 (A) in the first sentence of paragraph (2)—

5 (i) by striking “authorized in sub-
6 section (m)” and inserting “authorized in
7 paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection
8 (m)”; and

9 (ii) by striking “\$5,000,000” and all
10 that follows through the period and insert-
11 ing “such sums as may be necessary for
12 each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.”;
13 and

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

15 “(3) For activities authorized in subsection (m)(4),
16 there are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for fiscal
17 year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary for each
18 of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.”.

19 (c) MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS.—Section 1707 of
20 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–6) is
21 amended—

22 (1) in the heading for the section by striking
23 “ESTABLISHMENT OF”; and

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health” and inserting “Office of Public Health and Science”.

TITLE III—SELECTED INITIATIVES

SEC. 301. STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH.

Section 338J of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254r) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “in cash”; and

(2) in subsection (j)(1)—

(A) by striking “and” after “1992,”; and

(B) by inserting before the period the following: “, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1998 through 2002”; and

(3) in subsection (k), by striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$36,000,000”.

SEC. 302. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 398(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280c–3(a)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “not less than 5, and not more than 15,”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by inserting after “disorders” the fol-
 2 lowing: “who are living in single family homes
 3 or in congregate settings”; and

4 (B) by striking “and” at the end;

5 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
 6 graph (4); and

7 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-
 8 ing:

9 “(3) to improve the access of such individuals to
 10 home-based or community-based long-term care serv-
 11 ices (subject to the services being provided by entities
 12 that were providing such services in the State in-
 13 volved as of October 1, 1995), particularly such indi-
 14 viduals who are members of racial or ethnic minority
 15 groups, who have limited proficiency in speaking the
 16 English language, or who live in rural areas; and”.

17 (b) *DURATION*.—Section 398A of the Public Health
 18 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280c–4) is amended—

19 (1) in the heading for the section, by striking
 20 “**LIMITATION**” and all that follows and inserting
 21 “**REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING**
 22 **FUNDS**”;

23 (2) by striking subsection (a);

24 (3) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
 25 subsections (a) and (b), respectively; and

1 (4) in subsection (a) (as so redesignated), in each
 2 of paragraphs (1)(C) and (2)(C), by striking “third
 3 year” and inserting “third or subsequent year”.

4 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section
 5 398B(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280c–
 6 5(e)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and such sums” and inserting
 8 “such sums”; and

9 (2) by inserting before the period the following:
 10 “, \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums as
 11 may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999
 12 through 2002”.

13 **SEC. 303. PROJECT GRANTS FOR IMMUNIZATION SERVICES.**

14 Section 317(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 15 U.S.C. 247b(j)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “individuals
 17 against vaccine-preventable diseases” and all that fol-
 18 lows through the first period and inserting the follow-
 19 ing: “children, adolescents, and adults against vac-
 20 cine-preventable diseases, there are authorized to be
 21 appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each
 22 of the fiscal years 1998 through 2002.”; and

23 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “1990” and in-
 24 serting “1997”.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING PUBLIC

LAW 103–183.

(a) *AMENDATORY INSTRUCTIONS.*—Public Law 103–183 is amended—

(1) in section 601—

(A) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Section 1201 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d)” and inserting “Title XII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d et seq.)”; and

(B) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “in section 1204(c)” and inserting “in section 1203(c) (as redesignated by subsection (b)(2) of this section)”; and

(2) in section 602, by striking “for the purpose” and inserting “For the purpose”; and

(3) in section 705(b), by striking “317D((l)(1))” and inserting “317D(l)(1)”.

(b) *PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.*—The Public Health Service Act, as amended by Public Law 103–183 and by subsection (a) of this section, is amended—

1 (1) in section 317E(g)(2), by striking “making
2 grants under subsection (b)” and inserting “carrying
3 out subsection (b)”;

4 (2) in section 318, in subsection (e) as in effect
5 on the day before the date of the enactment of Public
6 Law 103–183, by redesignating the subsection as sub-
7 section (f);

8 (3) in subpart 6 of part C of title IV—

9 (A) by transferring the first section 447
10 (added by section 302 of Public Law 103–183)
11 from the current placement of the section;

12 (B) by redesignating the section as section
13 447A; and

14 (C) by inserting the section after section
15 447;

16 (4) in section 1213(a)(8), by striking “provides
17 for for” and inserting “provides for”;

18 (5) in section 1501, by redesignating the second
19 subsection (c) (added by section 101(f) of Public Law
20 103–183) as subsection (d); and

21 (6) in section 1505(3), by striking “nonprofit”.

22 (c) MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTION.—Section 401(c)(3)
23 of Public Law 103–183 is amended in the matter preceding
24 subparagraph (A) by striking “(d)(5)” and inserting
25 “(e)(5)”.

1 (d) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 308(b) of the
 2 *Public Health Service Act* (42 U.S.C. 242m(b)) is amend-
 3 ed—

4 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “306(n)”
 5 and inserting “306(m)”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “306(n)”
 7 and inserting “306(m)”.

8 (e) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This section is deemed to have
 9 taken effect immediately after the enactment of Public Law
 10 103–183.

11 **SEC. 402. MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS REGARDING PHS**
 12 **COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**

13 (a) *ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS.*—Amend section 212
 14 of the *Public Health Service Act* (42 U.S.C. 213) by adding
 15 the following new subsection at the end thereof:

16 “(f) Active service of commissioned officers of the Serv-
 17 ice shall be deemed to be active military service in the
 18 Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of all laws
 19 related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex,
 20 ethnicity, age, religion, and disability.”

21 (b) *TRAINING IN LEAVE WITHOUT PAY STATUS.*—Sec-
 22 tion 218 of the *Public Health Service Act* (42 U.S.C. 218a)
 23 is amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(c) A commissioned officer may be placed in leave
 25 without pay status while attending an educational institu-

1 *tion or training program whenever the Secretary deter-*
 2 *mines that such status is in the best interest of the Service.*
 3 *For purposes of computation of basic pay, promotion, re-*
 4 *tirement, compensation for injury or death, and the benefits*
 5 *provided by sections 212 and 224, an officer in such status*
 6 *pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be considered as*
 7 *performing service in the Service and shall have an active*
 8 *service obligation as set forth in subsection (b) of this sec-*
 9 *tion.”.*

10 *(c) UTILIZATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE*
 11 *RECORDS THAT APPLY TO THE ARMED FORCES.—Section*
 12 *543(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290dd–*
 13 *2(e)) is amended by striking “Armed Forces” each place*
 14 *that such term appears and inserting “Uniformed Serv-*
 15 *ices”.*

16 **SEC. 403. CLINICAL TRAINEESHIPS.**

17 *Section 303(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 18 *U.S.C. 242a(d)(1)) is amended by inserting “counseling,”*
 19 *after “family therapy,”.*

20 **SEC. 404. PROJECT GRANTS FOR SCREENINGS, REFERRALS,**
 21 **AND EDUCATION REGARDING LEAD POISON-**
 22 **ING.**

23 *Section 317A(l)(1) of the Public Health Service Act*
 24 *(42 U.S.C. 247b–1(l)(1)) is amended by striking “1998”*
 25 *and inserting “2002”.*

1 **SEC. 405. PROJECT GRANTS FOR PREVENTIVE HEALTH**
 2 **SERVICES REGARDING TUBERCULOSIS.**

3 *Section 317E(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 4 *U.S.C. 247b–6(g)(1)) is amended—*

5 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

6 *(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking*
 7 *“1998” and inserting “2002”; and*

8 *(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking*
 9 *“\$50,000,000” and inserting “25 percent”; and*

10 *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “1998” and in-*
 11 *serting “2002”.*

12 **SEC. 406. CDC LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

13 *Section 317F of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 14 *U.S.C. 247b-7) is amended—*

15 *(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “\$20,000”*
 16 *and inserting “\$35,000”;*

17 *(2) in subsection (c), by striking “1998” and in-*
 18 *serting “2002”; and*

19 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

20 *“(d) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Amounts*
 21 *appropriated for a fiscal year for contracts under subsection*
 22 *(a) shall remain available until the expiration of the second*
 23 *fiscal year beginning after the fiscal year for which the*
 24 *amounts were appropriated.”.*

1 **SEC. 407. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 318(h)(2) of the Family Vi-
 3 olence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10418(h)(2))
 4 is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting
 5 “for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2002”.

6 (b) *STUDY.*—The Secretary of Health and Human
 7 Services shall request that the Institute of Medicine conduct
 8 a study concerning the training needs of health profes-
 9 sionals with respect to the detection and referral of victims
 10 of family or acquaintance violence. Not later than 2 years
 11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Institute of Medi-
 12 cine shall prepare and submit to Congress a report concern-
 13 ing the study conducted under this subsection.

14 **SEC. 408. STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

15 Section 338I(i)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 16 U.S.C. 254q–1(i)(1)) is amended by inserting before the pe-
 17 riod “, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
 18 fiscal years 1998 through 2002”.

19 **SEC. 409. AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF NIH.**

20 Section 402(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 21 U.S.C. 282(b)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (11), by striking “and” at the
 23 end thereof;

24 (2) in paragraph (12), by striking the period
 25 and inserting a semicolon; and

1 (3) *by adding after paragraph (12), the follow-*
 2 *ing new paragraphs:*

3 “(13) *may conduct and support research train-*
 4 *ing—*

5 “(A) *for which fellowship support is not*
 6 *provided under section 487; and*

7 “(B) *which does not consist of residency*
 8 *training of physicians or other health profes-*
 9 *sionals; and*

10 “(14) *may appoint physicians, dentists, and*
 11 *other health care professionals, subject to the provi-*
 12 *sions of title 5, United States Code, relating to ap-*
 13 *pointments and classifications in the competitive*
 14 *service, and may compensate such professionals sub-*
 15 *ject to the provisions of chapter 74 of title 38, United*
 16 *States Code.”.*

17 **SEC. 410. RAISE IN MAXIMUM LEVEL OF LOAN REPAY-**
 18 **MENTS.**

19 (a) *REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO*
 20 *AIDS.—Section 487A of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 21 *U.S.C. 288–1) is amended—*

22 (1) *in subsection (a), by striking “\$20,000” and*
 23 *inserting “\$35,000”; and*

24 (2) *in subsection (c), by striking “1996” and in-*
 25 *serting “2001”.*

1 (b) *REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO CON-*
 2 *TRACEPTION AND INFERTILITY.*—Section 487B(a) of the
 3 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 288–2(a)) is amended*
 4 *by striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$35,000”.*

5 (c) *REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RE-*
 6 *SEARCH GENERALLY.*—Section 487C(a)(1) of the *Public*
 7 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 288–3(a)(1)) is amended by*
 8 *striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$35,000”.*

9 (d) *REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO CLINI-*
 10 *CAL RESEARCHERS FROM DISADVANTAGED BACK-*
 11 *GROUND.*—Section 487E(a) of the *Public Health Service*
 12 *Act (42 U.S.C. 288–5(a)) is amended—*

13 (1) *in paragraph (1), by striking “\$20,000” and*
 14 *inserting “\$35,000”; and*

15 (2) *in paragraph (3), by striking “338C” and*
 16 *inserting “338B, 338C”.*

17 **SEC. 411. CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONAL CENTERS FOR RE-**
 18 **SEARCH ON PRIMATES.**

19 Section 481B(a) of the *Public Health Service Act (42*
 20 *U.S.C. 287a–3(a)) is amended—*

21 (1) *by striking “shall” and inserting “may”;*
 22 *and*

23 (2) *by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting “up*
 24 *to \$2,500,000”.*

1 **SEC. 412. PEER REVIEW.**

2 Section 504(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 290aa-3(d)(2)) is amended by striking “cooperative
4 agreement, or contract” each place that such appears and
5 inserting “or cooperative agreement”.

6 **SEC. 413. FUNDING FOR TRAUMA CARE.**

7 Section 1232(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 300d-32) is amended by striking “and 1996” and
9 inserting “through 2002”.

10 **SEC. 414. HEALTH INFORMATION AND HEALTH PRO-**
11 **MOTION.**

12 Section 1701(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
13 U.S.C. 300u(b)) is amended by striking “through 1996”
14 and inserting “through 2002”.

15 **SEC. 415. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.**

16 Section 1910 of the Public Health Service Act (42
17 U.S.C. 300w-9) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) by striking “two-year period” and in-
20 serting “3-year period (with an optional 4th
21 year based on performance)”; and

22 (B) by striking “one grant” and inserting
23 “3 grants”; and

24 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “1997” and in-
25 serting “2005”.

1 **SEC. 416. ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 2004 of Public Law 103–
3 43 (107 Stat. 209) is amended by striking subsection (a).

4 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—Section 2004 of
5 Public Law 103–43, as amended by subsection (a) of this
6 section, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “(b) *SENSE*” and all that follows
8 through “*In the case*” and inserting the following:

9 “(a) *SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING PURCHASE OF*
10 *AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS.*—*In the*
11 *case*”;

12 (2) by striking “(2) *NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF*
13 *ASSISTANCE*” and inserting the following:

14 “(b) *NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE*”; and

15 (3) in subsection (b), as redesignated by para-
16 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking “paragraph
17 (1)” and inserting “subsection (a)”.

18 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This section is deemed to have
19 taken effect immediately after the enactment of Public Law
20 103–43.

21 **SEC. 417. AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

22 Section 2618(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 300ff–28(b)(3)) is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and the
25 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” and inserting “, the

1 *Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,*
 2 *and Guam”;* and

3 *(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “the Virgin*
 4 *Islands, Guam”.*

5 **SEC. 418. NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR BIOMEDICAL RE-**
 6 **SEARCH.**

7 *Part I of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 8 *U.S.C. 290b et seq.) is amended—*

9 *(1) by striking the part heading and inserting*
 10 *the following:*

11 **“PART I—FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL**
 12 **INSTITUTES OF HEALTH”;**

13 *and*

14 *(2) in section 499—*

15 *(A) in subsection (a), by striking “National*
 16 *Foundation for Biomedical Research” and in-*
 17 *serting “Foundation for the National Institutes*
 18 *of Health”;*

19 *(B) in subsection (k)(10)—*

20 *(i) by striking “not”; and*

21 *(ii) by adding at the end the following:*

22 *“Any funds transferred under this para-*
 23 *graph shall be subject to all Federal limita-*
 24 *tions relating to Federally-funded re-*
 25 *search.”; and*

1 *(C) in subsection (m)(1), by striking*
2 *“\$200,000” and all that follows through “1995”*
3 *and inserting “\$500,000 for each fiscal year”.*