H. R. 1436

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Mrs. Capps (for herself, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Ms. Delauro, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Hooley of Oregon, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Towns, Mr. Langevin, Mr. Stenholm, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Defazio, Mr. Rush, Mr. Baldacci, Mr. Frost, Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. Matsui, Ms. Solis, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Lantos, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Kind, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Green of Texas, Ms. Eshoo, Mr. Wynn, and Mr. Dingell introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act, titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to alleviating the nursing profession shortage, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Nurse Reinvestment
- 3 Act".

4 TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO

- 5 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT
- 6 Subtitle A—Initiatives to Combat
- 7 Nursing Shortage and Strength-
- 8 en Nursing Workforce
- 9 SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF INITIATIVES.
- Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42)
- 11 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
- 12 following:
- 13 "PART H—INITIATIVES TO COMBAT NURSING
- 14 SHORTAGES
- 15 "SEC. 851. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- 16 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop and
- 17 issue public service announcements that shall advertise
- 18 and promote the nursing profession, highlight the advan-
- 19 tages and rewards of nursing, and encourage individuals
- 20 from diverse communities and backgrounds to enter the
- 21 nursing profession.
- 22 "(b) Method.—The public service announcements
- 23 described in subsection (a) shall be broadcast in appro-
- 24 priate languages through appropriate media outlets, in-
- 25 cluding television or radio, in a manner intended to reach
- 26 as wide and diverse an audience as possible.

1 "SEC. 852. STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCE-

- 2 MENTS.
- 3 "(a) In General.—The Secretary shall award
- 4 grants to designated eligible entities to support State and
- 5 local advertising campaigns via appropriate media outlets
- 6 to promote the nursing profession, highlight the advan-
- 7 tages and rewards of nursing, and encourage individuals
- 8 from disadvantaged communities and backgrounds to
- 9 enter the nursing profession.
- 10 "(b) Definitions.—In this section:
- 11 "(1) DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The
- term 'designated eligible entity' means an eligible
- entity that is a professional, national, or State nurs-
- ing association, State health care provider associa-
- tion, school of nursing, or other eligible entity that
- provides similar services or serves a like function.
- 17 "(2) STATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ASSOCIA-
- 18 TION.—The term 'State health care provider associa-
- tion' means a professional association of hospitals,
- 20 nursing homes, home health care agencies, hospices,
- 21 consortia of such associations, or other entities de-
- termined by the Secretary to be appropriate for pur-
- poses of this section.
- 24 "(c) Use of Funds.—A designated eligible entity
- 25 that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds
- 26 received through such grant to buy local television and

- 1 radio time, place advertisements in local newspapers, and
- 2 post information on billboards or on the Internet, in order
- 3 to—
- 4 "(1) advertise and promote the nursing profes-
- $5 \quad \text{sion};$
- 6 "(2) promote nursing education programs;
- 7 "(3) inform the public of public assistance re-8 garding such education programs;
- 9 "(4) highlight individuals in the community
- that are presently practicing nursing in order to re-
- 11 cruit new nurses; and
- 12 "(5) provide any other information to recruit
- individuals for the nursing profession.
- 14 "(d) Method.—The campaigns described in sub-
- 15 section (a) shall be broadcast in appropriate languages on
- 16 television or radio, or placed in newspapers as advertise-
- 17 ments, or posted on billboards or the Internet, in a man-
- 18 ner intended to reach as wide and diverse an audience as
- 19 possible.
- 20 "SEC. 853. NURSE RECRUITMENT GRANT PROGRAM.
- 21 "(a) Program Authorized.—The Secretary shall
- 22 award grants to eligible entities to increase nursing edu-
- 23 cation opportunities.

1	"(b) Use of Funds.—An eligible entity that receives
2	a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds received from
3	such grant to—
4	"(1) support outreach programs at elementary
5	and secondary schools that inform guidance coun-
6	selors and students of education opportunities re-
7	garding nursing;
8	"(2) carry out special projects to increase nurs-
9	ing education opportunities for individuals who are
10	from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial
11	and ethnic minorities underrepresented among reg-
12	istered nurses) by providing student scholarships or
13	stipends, pre-entry preparation, and retention activi-
14	ties;
15	"(3) provide assistance to public and nonprofit
16	private educational institutions (including junior col-
17	leges and community colleges) to support remedial
18	education programs for nursing students who re-
19	quire assistance with math, science, English, and
20	medical terminology; and
21	"(4) meet the costs of child care and transpor-
22	tation for individuals who are taking part in a nurs-

ing education program at any level.

1 "SEC. 854. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING NURSING

- 2 **PROFESSION.**
- 3 "For purposes of this part, the term 'nursing profes-
- 4 sion' includes the position of certified nursing assistant.
- 5 "SEC. 855. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
- 6 "For the purpose of carrying out this part, there is
- 7 authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of the
- 8 fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

9 "PART I—INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN THE

10 NURSING WORKFORCE

- 11 "SEC. 861, CAREER LADDER GRANT PROGRAM.
- 12 "(a) Program Authorized.—The Secretary shall
- 13 award grants to eligible entities to assist individuals in ob-
- 14 taining education required to enter the nursing profession
- 15 and advance within such profession.
- 16 "(b) Use of Funds.—An eligible entity that receives
- 17 a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds under such
- 18 grant to establish student scholarships or stipends for
- 19 nurse professionals, licensed practical nurses, certified
- 20 nurse assistants, and home health aids who enroll in entry
- 21 level nursing programs, advanced practice nursing degree
- 22 programs, RN/Master's nursing degree programs, doctoral
- 23 nursing programs, public health nursing programs, nurse
- 24 educator programs, nurse administrator programs, long
- 25 term care nursing programs, and training programs fo-
- 26 cused on specific technology use or disease management.

1 "SEC. 862. GRANTS FOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

- 2 "(a) Program Authorized.—The Secretary shall
- 3 award grants to designated eligible entities to develop and
- 4 incorporate gerontology curriculum and competencies.
- 5 "(b) Designated Eligible Entity.—For purposes
- 6 of this section, the term 'designated eligible entity' means
- 7 an eligible entity that is a school of nursing.
- 8 "(c) Use of Funds.—A designated eligible entity
- 9 that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds
- 10 under such grant to develop stand alone courses in geri-
- 11 atric nursing to support concentrations, minors, and ma-
- 12 jors in the discipline, to hire faculty who are certified in
- 13 geriatric nursing, to train nursing faculty members in ger-
- 14 ontology, to provide continuing education in gerontology
- 15 for practicing nurses at diploma, associate degree, and
- 16 baccalaureate schools of nursing.
- 17 "SEC. 863. GRANTS FOR PARTNERSHIPS.
- 18 "(a) In General.—The Secretary shall award
- 19 grants to designated eligible entities to enable such enti-
- 20 ties to form partnerships to carry out the activities de-
- 21 scribed in subsection (d).
- 22 "(b) Designated Eligible Entity.—
- 23 "(1) In general.—For purposes of this sec-
- 24 tion, the term 'designated eligible entity' means a
- school of nursing and a health care facility, both of
- which are eligible entities, that form a partnership

- to carry out the activities described in subsection

 (d).

 "(2) Health care facility.—For purposes

 this section, the term 'health care facility' means

 a hospital, nursing home, home health care agency,

 hospice, federally qualified health center, rural

 health clinic, or public health clinic.

 "(c) Use of Funds.—A designated eligible entity
- 9 that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds
 10 received through such grant to—
- 11 "(1) provide employees of the facility advanced 12 training and education at the school or facility;
 - "(2) establish or expand nursing practice arrangements in noninstitutional settings to demonstrate methods to improve access to health care in medically underserved communities;
- "(3) purchase distance learning technology to extend general education and training programs to rural areas, and to extend specialty education and training programs to all areas; and
- 21 "(4) establish or expand mentoring and intern-22 ship programs for training in specialty care areas.

23 "SEC. 864. GRANTS FOR HEALTH CAREER ACADEMIES.

24 "(a) In General.—The Secretary shall award 25 grants to designated eligible entities for the purpose of as-

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- 1 sisting such entities in collaborating to carry out programs
- 2 that form education pipelines to facilitate the entry of stu-
- 3 dents of secondary educational institutions into careers in
- 4 the field of nursing.
- 5 "(b) Designated Eligible Entities.—For pur-
- 6 poses of subsection (a), the term 'designated eligible enti-
- 7 ties' means eligible entities that are schools of nursing,
- 8 health care providers, or secondary educational institu-
- 9 tions.
- 10 "SEC. 865. FAST-TRACK NURSING FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP
- 11 AND LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS.
- 12 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
- 13 program of entering into contracts with individuals de-
- 14 scribed in subsection (b) under which the individuals agree
- 15 to serve as members of the faculties of schools of nursing
- 16 in consideration of the Federal Government agreeing—
- 17 "(1) to provide scholarships for full-time at-
- tendance at doctoral programs in the field of nurs-
- ing; or
- 20 "(2) to pay, for each year of service as such a
- faculty member, not more than \$20,000 of the prin-
- cipal and interest of the educational loans of such
- 23 individuals.
- 24 "(b) Eligible Individuals.—The individuals re-
- 25 ferred to in subsection (a) are —

1	"(1) in the case of the scholarship program
2	under such subsection, individuals who are enrolled
3	or accepted for enrollment in a doctoral program in
4	the field of nursing; and
5	"(2) in the case of the loan repayment program
6	under such subsection—
7	"(A) individuals who have a doctoral de-
8	gree in the field of nursing; or
9	"(B) are enrolled in a doctoral program in
10	such field and are in the final academic year of
11	the program.
12	"(c) Requirements Regarding Faculty Posi-
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13 14 15 16	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into a contract under subsection (a) only if the individual involved has entered into a contract with a school of nursing to serve as a member of the fac-
113 114 115 116 117	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into a contract under subsection (a) only if the individual involved has entered into a contract with a school of nursing to serve as a member of the faculty of the school for two years, or for such longer
113 114 115 116 117 118 119	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into a contract under subsection (a) only if the individual involved has entered into a contract with a school of nursing to serve as a member of the faculty of the school for two years, or for such longer period as may be specified in the contract.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	"(1) In General.—The Secretary may enter into a contract under subsection (a) only if the individual involved has entered into a contract with a school of nursing to serve as a member of the faculty of the school for two years, or for such longer period as may be specified in the contract. "(2) Loan Repayment Program.—
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	"(1) In General.—The Secretary may enter into a contract under subsection (a) only if the individual involved has entered into a contract with a school of nursing to serve as a member of the faculty of the school for two years, or for such longer period as may be specified in the contract. "(2) Loan Repayment Program.— "(A) In General.—The Secretary may

1	"(i) the school of nursing involved
2	will, for each year for which the individual
3	involved serves as a member of the faculty
4	under the contract with the school, make
5	payments of the principal and interest due
6	on the educational loans of the individual
7	for such year in an amount equal to the
8	amount of such payments made by the
9	Secretary for the year;
10	"(ii) the payments made by the school
11	pursuant to clause (i) on behalf of the indi-
12	vidual will be in addition to the pay that
13	the individual would otherwise receive for
14	serving as a member of such faculty; and
15	"(iii) the school, in making a deter-
16	mination of the amount of compensation to
17	be provided by the school to the individual
18	for serving as a member of the faculty, will
19	make the determination without regard to
20	the amount of payments made (or to be
21	made) to the individual by the Federal
22	Government under subsection $(a)(2)$.
23	"(B) Waiver regarding school con-
24	TRIBUTIONS.—The Secretary may waive the re-
25	quirement established in subparagraph (A) if

- 1 the Secretary determines that the requirement
- will impose an undue financial hardship on the
- 3 school of nursing involved.
- 4 "(d) Use of Scholarship.—A scholarship under
- 5 subsection (a)(1) may be expended only for tuition ex-
- 6 penses, other reasonable educational expenses, and reason-
- 7 able living expenses incurred in attending the doctoral pro-
- 8 gram involved.
- 9 "(e) Applicability of Certain Provisions.—
- 10 With respect to the National Health Service Corps
- 11 Schlolarship and Loan Repayment Programs established
- 12 in subpart III of part D of title III, the provisions of such
- 13 subpart shall, except as inconsistent with this section,
- 14 apply to the programs established in subsections (a)(1)
- 15 and (a)(2) of this section, respectively, in the same man-
- 16 ner and to the same extent as such provisions apply to
- 17 such Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Repay-
- 18 ment Programs.

19 "SEC. 866. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- 20 "For the purpose of carrying out this part, there is
- 21 authorized to be appropriated \$46,000,000 for each of the
- 22 fiscal years 2002 through 2004.".

Subtitle B—National Nursing Serv-

2 ice Corps Scholarship Program

- 3 SEC. 111. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.
- 4 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act, as
- 5 amended by section 101 of this Act, is amended by adding
- 6 at the end the following::

7 "PART J—NATIONAL NURSING SERVICE CORPS

- 8 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
- 9 "SEC. 871. NATIONAL NURSING SERVICE CORPS SCHOLAR-
- 10 SHIP PROGRAM.
- 11 "(a) Program Authorized.—The Secretary shall
- 12 establish a National Nurse Service Corps Scholarship pro-
- 13 gram (referred to in this section as the 'program') that
- 14 provides scholarships to individuals seeking nursing edu-
- 15 cation in exchange for service by such individuals in areas
- 16 with nursing shortages.
- 17 "(b) Preference.—In awarding scholarships under
- 18 this section, the Secretary shall give preference to appli-
- 19 cants with the greatest financial need, and applicants who
- 20 agree to serve in health facilities located in areas with
- 21 nursing shortages.
- "(c) Requirements.—To be eligible to participate
- 23 in the program, an individual must—
- 24 "(1) be accepted for enrollment, or be enrolled,
- in a school of nursing, to take courses leading to a

1	baccalaureate or associate degree in nursing (or an
2	equivalent degree), or a diploma in nursing;
3	"(2) submit an application to participate in the
4	program; and
5	"(3) enter into an agreement with the Sec-
6	retary, at the time of submittal of such application,
7	to—
8	"(A) accept payment of a scholarship and
9	remain enrolled in a nursing school;
10	"(B) maintain an acceptable level of aca-
11	demic standing; and
12	"(C) serve as a nurse for a period of not
13	less than 2 years in an Indian Health Service
14	health center, a Native Hawaiian health center,
15	tribal health center, urban Indian health center,
16	a public or nonprofit private hospital, a health
17	center under section 330, a rural health clinic,
18	a public or nonprofit private nursing home,
19	home health agency, or hospice facility (includ-
20	ing a home setting), or a public or nonprofit
21	private health facility determined by the Sec-
22	retary to have a critical shortage of nurses.
23	"(d) Applications.—
24	"(1) In general.—The application forms for
25	the programs shall include—

- 1 "(A) a fair summary of the rights and li-2 abilities of an individual whose application is 3 approved by the Secretary; and
 - "(B) information respecting meeting a service obligation and such other information as may be necessary for the individual to understand the program.
 - "(2) Accessibility.—The application form and all other information furnished by the Secretary shall be written so that it may be understood by the average individual applying to participate in the program. The Secretary shall make such application forms, and other information available to individuals desiring to participate in the program, on a date sufficiently early to ensure that such individuals have adequate time to carefully review and evaluate such forms and information.
 - "(3) DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary shall distribute to nursing schools materials providing information on the program and shall encourage the schools to disseminate the materials to students of the schools.
- 23 "(e) Scholarship.—

1	"(1) In general.—A scholarship provided to a
2	student for a school year under a written contract
3	under the program shall consist of—
4	"(A) payment to, or (in accordance with
5	paragraph (2)) on behalf of the student of—
6	"(i) the tuition of the student in such
7	school year; and
8	"(ii) all other reasonable educational
9	expenses, including fees, books, laboratory
10	expenses, and living expenses incurred by
11	the student in such school year; and
12	"(B) payment to the student of a stipend
13	of \$400 per month for each 12 consecutive
14	months beginning with the first month of the
15	school year.
16	"(2) Contract.—The Secretary may contract
17	with a nursing school, in which a participant in the
18	program is enrolled, for the payment to the nursing
19	school of the amounts of tuition and other reason-
20	able educational expenses described in paragraph
21	(1)(A).
22	"(f) Breach of Agreement.—
23	"(1) In general.—In the case of an individual
24	who enters into an agreement under this section to
25	provide service as a nurse in consideration for re-

1	ceiving a scholarship, such individual is liable to the
2	Federal Government for the amount of such scholar-
3	ship, and for interest on such scholarship at the
4	maximum legal prevailing rate, if the individual—
5	"(A) fails to maintain an acceptable level
6	of academic standing in the nursing program;
7	"(B) is dismissed from the nursing pro-
8	gram for disciplinary reasons;
9	"(C) voluntarily terminates the nursing
10	program; or
11	"(D) fails to provide services in accordance
12	with the program under this section for the pe-
13	riod of time applicable under the program.
14	"(2) Waiver or suspension of liability.—
15	The Secretary shall provide for the waiver or sus-
16	pension of liability under this section if compliance
17	by the individual with the agreement is impossible,
18	or would involve extreme hardship to the individual,
19	or if enforcement of the agreement with respect to
20	the individual would be unconscionable.
21	"(3) Date Certain for Recovery.—Subject
22	to paragraph (2), any amount that the Federal Gov-
23	ernment is entitled to recover under paragraph (1)
24	shall be paid to the United States not later than the

- expiration of the 3-year period beginning on the date the United States becomes so entitled.
- "(4) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts recovered under paragraph (1) with respect to a program under this section shall be available for the purposes of such program, and shall remain available for such purposes until expended.
- 8 "(g) Definitions.—In this section:
- 9 "(1) COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.—The term 10 "community health center" has the meaning given 11 such term in section 330(a).
- "(2) RURAL HEALTH CLINIC.—The term "rural health clinic" has the meaning given such term in section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act.
- 15 "(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the16 purpose of payments under agreements entered into under
- 17 subsection (a), there is authorized to be appropriated
- 18 \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2002 through
- 19 2004.".
- 20 SEC. 112. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; EXCLUSION OF CER-
- 21 TAIN AMOUNTS RECEIVED UNDER THE NA-
- 22 TIONAL NURSING SERVICE CORPS SCHOLAR-
- 23 SHIP PROGRAM.
- 24 (a) In General.—Section 117(c) of the Internal
- 25 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to the exclusion from

gross income amounts received as a qualified scholarship) is amended— 3 (1) by striking "Subsections (a)" and inserting 4 the following: "(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-5 graph (2), subsections (a)", and 6 7 (2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph: 8 9 "(2) Exceptions.—Paragraph (1) shall not 10 apply to any amount received by an individual under the National Nursing Service Corps Scholarship pro-11 gram under part J of title VIII of the Public Health 12 13 Service Act.". 14 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 15 subsection (a) shall apply to amounts received in taxable

16 years beginning after December 31, 2001.

1	TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO
2	SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
3	Subtitle A—Amendments to
4	Medicare Program
5	SEC. 201. EXPANSION OF NURSING TRAINING EDUCATION
6	PAYMENTS TO QUALIFIED NONHOSPITAL
7	PROVIDERS.
8	Section 1861(v)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
9	U.S.C. $1395x(v)(1)$) is amended by adding at the end the
10	following new subparagraph:
11	"(V)(i) For portions of cost reporting periods begin-
12	ning on or after October 1, 2001, the Secretary shall es-
13	tablish rules for making payments to qualified nonhospital
14	providers for the reasonable costs of providing nursing
15	training if such costs are incurred in the operation of a
16	training program that is operated by a hospital.
17	"(ii) The rules established under clause (i) shall—
18	"(I) be similar to rules for payments to hos-
19	pitals under this subsection for such reasonable
20	costs; and
21	"(II) specify the form and manner in which
22	such payments will be made and the portion of such
23	payments that will be made from each of the trust
24	funds under this title

- 1 "(iii) No payment shall be made to a qualified nonhospital provider under this subparagraph for such rea-3 sonable costs to the extent that such reasonable costs are 4 otherwise reimbursed under this title or under any other 5 Federal program. 6 "(iv) For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 7 'qualified nonhospital provider' means— "(I) a Federally qualified health center (as de-8 9 fined in section 1861(aa)(4); 10 "(II) a rural health clinic (as defined in section 11 1861(aa)(2)); "(III) a skilled nursing facility (as defined in 12 13 section 1819(a)); 14 "(IV) a Medicare+Choice organization under 15 part C; and "(V) any other provider (other than a hospital) 16 17 that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.". 18 SEC. 202. REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF PROVIDING 19 NURSING TRAINING EDUCATION BY HOSPICE
- Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

AND HOME HEALTH PROVIDERS.

- 22 1395 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 23 lowing new section:

1	"REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF PROVIDING NURS-
2	ING TRAINING EDUCATION BY HOSPICE AND HOME
3	HEALTH PROVIDERS
4	"Sec. 1897. (a) Payments.—
5	"(1) In general.—The Secretary shall estab-
6	lish rules for making payments to qualified entities
7	for the reasonable costs of providing nursing train-
8	ing during fiscal years 2002 through 2006. Subject
9	to subsection (c), such payments shall be in addition
10	to payments otherwise made to such entities under
11	this title.
12	"(2) Rules.—The rules established under
13	paragraph (1) shall ensure that reimbursement is
14	made for the costs of training nurses to furnish
15	items and services which are specific to the qualified
16	entity.
17	"(3) Qualified entity defined.—For pur-
18	poses of this section, the term 'qualified entity
19	means—
20	"(A) a hospice program providing hospice
21	care; and
22	"(B) a home health agency (as defined in
23	section 1861(o)).
24	"(b) Maintenance of Effort.—The Secretary
25	shall ensure that a qualified entity does not use amounts

1	received under this section to reduce or eliminate staffing
2	problems that the entity may have.
3	"(c) Prohibition on Double Payments.—No pay-
4	ment shall be made to a qualified entity under this section
5	for the reasonable costs of providing nursing training to
6	the extent that such costs are otherwise reimbursed under
7	this title or under any other Federal program.
8	"(d) Funding.—For purposes of making payments
9	under this section, there are appropriated, out of any
10	money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such
11	sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002
12	through 2006.".
13	Subtitle B—Amendment to
14	Medicaid Program
	Medicaid Program SEC. 211. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL MATCHING
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15 16	SEC. 211. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL MATCHING
1415161718	SEC. 211. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL MATCHING RATE FOR MEDICAID NURSE AIDE TRAINING
15 16 17	SEC. 211. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL MATCHING RATE FOR MEDICAID NURSE AIDE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY EVALUATION PROGRAMS.
15 16 17 18	SEC. 211. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL MATCHING RATE FOR MEDICAID NURSE AIDE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY EVALUATION PROGRAMS. Section 1903(a)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42)
15 16 17 18 19	SEC. 211. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL MATCHING RATE FOR MEDICAID NURSE AIDE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY EVALUATION PROGRAMS. Section 1903(a)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(2)(B)) is amended by striking "(or, for

23 points)" and inserting "(or, for calendar quarters begin-

- 1 ning on or after October 1, 2001, and before October 1,
- 2 2006, 90 percent)".

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