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H. R. 5350

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for the integration of innovative curricula on nutrition in medical education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Enhancing Nutrition
5 in Medical Education Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS.**

7 Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

1 **“Subpart 3—Medical School Nutrition Programs**

2 **“SEC. 775. GRANTS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PRO-**
3 **GRAMS.**

4 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may award
5 grants to accredited schools of medicine to integrate inno-
6 vative curricula on nutrition into medical education.

7 “(b) FOCUS.—The Secretary shall ensure that inno-
8 vative curricula on nutrition developed and implemented
9 under this section focus on preventive health measures,
10 including the following:

11 “(1) Education on the causes, treatment, and
12 prevention of obesity.

13 “(2) Office education and counseling to ensure
14 appropriate diet for mostly healthy people.

15 “(3) Prevention and treatment of common nu-
16 tritional deficiencies.

17 “(4) Appropriate and inappropriate use of
18 herbs and supplements.

19 “(5) Office recognition and treatment of com-
20 mon eating disorders.

21 “(6) Identification of special dietary needs, eat-
22 ing disorders, and appropriate routes of referral for
23 medical nutrition therapy.

24 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may not make
25 a grant under subsection (a) unless the school of medicine
26 involved agrees to expend the grant—

1 “(1) to develop innovative curricula on nutrition
2 in accordance with subsection (d);

3 “(2) to integrate such curricula, to the max-
4 imum extent possible, into each year of a student’s
5 medical education at the school, including with re-
6 spect to preclinical and clinical training; and

7 “(3) to evaluate the results achieved with such
8 curricula.

9 “(d) MULTIDISCIPLINARY PLANNING COMMITTEE.—

10 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—A school of medicine
11 receiving a grant under this section shall establish a
12 multidisciplinary planning committee to develop the
13 innovative curricula on nutrition to be integrated
14 into the school’s medical education.

15 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of a multi-
16 disciplinary planning committee under this sub-
17 section—

18 “(A) shall include individuals who will be
19 responsible for implementing the proposed cur-
20 ricular changes within the fields and disciplines
21 of the school’s medical education program; and

22 “(B) should include representatives of
23 fields and disciplines outside of the school’s
24 medical education program, such as nursing,
25 nutrition, and public health.

1 “(e) DURATION.—Each grant under this section shall
2 be for a period of 2 years.

3 “(f) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary may not
4 make a grant to any school under this section in an
5 amount that exceeds—

6 “(1) \$50,000 for any fiscal year; or

7 “(2) a total of \$100,000.

8 “(g) APPLICATION.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To seek a grant under this
10 section, a school of medicine shall submit an applica-
11 tion at such time, in such manner, and containing
12 such information as the Secretary may require.

13 “(2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, an applica-
14 tion submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the
15 following:

16 “(A) A description of the following:

17 “(i) The expertise in nutrition of the
18 school’s course directors and faculty mem-
19 bers.

20 “(ii) The objectives of the program to
21 be carried out with the grant.

22 “(iii) The projected impact of the pro-
23 gram to be carried out with the grant.

1 “(iv) Any barriers to development or
2 implementation of innovative curricula on
3 nutrition at the school of medicine.

4 “(v) Strategies for overcoming each
5 such barrier.

6 “(vi) The school’s ability to sustain
7 innovative curricula adopted and imple-
8 mented with the grant beyond the term of
9 the grant.

10 “(B) A budget proposal for expending
11 funds under the grant.

12 “(C) Letters of support for the application
13 from the dean, and the associate dean for edu-
14 cation, of the school of medicine.

15 “(h) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 2-year
16 period described in subsection (e) for a grant, the school
17 of medicine receiving the grant shall submit a report to
18 the Secretary. Such report shall include a description of
19 the innovative curricula on nutrition developed by the
20 school and the results achieved through the use of such
21 curricula.

22 “(i) DISSEMINATION.—Not later than 1 year after
23 the end of the 2-year period described in subsection (e)
24 for all grants awarded under this section, the Secretary
25 shall—

1 “(1) prepare a consolidated report on the inno-
2 vative curricula on nutrition developed by grantees
3 under this section and the results achieved through
4 the use of such curricula; and

5 “(2) disseminate such report to schools of medi-
6 cine.

7 “(j) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘accred-
8 ited’ means accredited by the Liaison Committee on Med-
9 ical Education.

10 “(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,
12 there is authorized to be appropriated \$4,500,000
13 for the period of fiscal years 2005 through 2006.

14 “(2) ADMINISTRATION.—Of the amounts au-
15 thorized to be appropriated under this section, the
16 Secretary may use not more than \$500,000 for costs
17 associated with administration of this section.”.

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