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H. R. 6186

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for the purpose of carrying out activities to increase the number of faculty members at collegiate schools of nursing in States with significant shortages of nurses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

Mr. HAYWORTH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “America’s Partnership
5 for Nursing Education Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Many States with rapidly-increasing popu-
2 lations have a serious shortage of nurses.

3 (2) A new Federal program is needed to sup-
4 port State and private efforts to address the lack of
5 capacity in schools of nursing at colleges and univer-
6 sities.

7 (3) Such lack of capacity is the critical driving
8 force behind the serious shortage of nurses.

9 (4) The nursing shortage has a detrimental im-
10 pact on the quality of care patients receive in health
11 care settings, and plays a role in the rising costs of
12 health care.

13 (5) States that have established partnerships
14 with educational institutions to develop strategies to
15 address the nursing shortage, and that have allo-
16 cated funds toward implementing the strategies, are
17 well suited to make effective use of matching Fed-
18 eral funds.

19 **SEC. 3. INCREASING NUMBER OF QUALIFIED FACULTY AT**
20 **COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF NURSING IN**
21 **STATES WITH SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGES OF**
22 **NURSES.**

23 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
24 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
25 following:

1 **“PART J—ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**
2 **“SEC. 861. INCREASING NUMBER OF FACULTY AT COLLE-**
3 **GIATE SCHOOLS OF NURSING IN STATES**
4 **WITH SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGES OF NURSES.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
6 to qualifying States for the purpose of carrying out activi-
7 ties to increase the number of faculty at collegiate schools
8 of nursing in qualifying States in order to assist in alle-
9 viating the shortage of nurses in such States.

10 “(b) QUALIFYING STATES.—A State is a qualifying
11 State for purposes of this section if the State meets the
12 following conditions:

13 “(1) The population of the State increased by
14 more than 50 percent between 1995 and 2005 (in-
15 clusive), according to data from the Bureau of the
16 Census.

17 “(2) The State is projected to have fewer than
18 555 nurses per 100,000 State residents by 2020, ac-
19 cording to data from the Health Resources and
20 Services Administration.

21 “(3) As of January 1, 2006, the State had a
22 program in place to assist in increasing the number
23 of faculty at collegiate schools of nursing.

24 “(c) USES OF GRANTS.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes for which a
26 grant under subsection (a) may be expended for a

1 collegiate school of nursing include salaries, benefits,
2 training, and related expenses for increasing the
3 number of faculty, and other operational costs nec-
4 essary to increase such number, relative to the aver-
5 age number of such faculty at the school for the fis-
6 cal year preceding the first fiscal year for which
7 such a grant is made for the school.

8 “(2) LIMITATION.—A grant under subsection
9 (a) may not be expended for any capital expenses.

10 “(d) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—A grant may be
11 made under subsection (a) for a fiscal year only if the
12 qualifying State involved, and each collegiate school of
13 nursing for which the grant will be expended, agree to
14 maintain expenditures at such school for the purpose de-
15 scribed in subsection (a) at a level that is not less than
16 the average level of such expenditures maintained by the
17 State and the school, respectively, for such purpose for
18 the five-year period preceding the first fiscal year for
19 which a grant under subsection (a) is made with respect
20 to the school.

21 “(e) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—For each fiscal year
22 for which amounts are appropriated under subsection (f),
23 the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report that
24 identifies the collegiate schools of nursing with respect to
25 which grants under subsection (a) have been made and

1 that provides an evaluation of the extent to which the
2 grants have been effective in carrying out the purpose de-
3 scribed in subsection (a).

4 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
5 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
6 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
7 2007 through 2011.”.

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