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S. 3771

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DeWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOND, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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Reported by Mr. ENZI, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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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 “Health Centers Re-
 5 newal Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Community, migrant, public housing, and
 9 homeless health centers are vital to thousands of
 10 communities across the United States.

11 (2) There are more than 1,000 such health cen-
 12 ters serving over 15,000,000 people at over 3,700
 13 health delivery sites, located in all 50 States of the
 14 United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto
 15 Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and other territories
 16 of the United States.

17 (3) Health centers provide cost-effective, quality
 18 health care to poor and medically underserved people
 19 in the States, the District of Columbia, and the ter-
 20 ritories, including the working poor, the uninsured,
 21 and many high-risk and vulnerable populations, and
 22 have done so for over 40 years.

23 (4) Health centers provide care to 1 of every 8
 24 uninsured Americans, 1 of every 4 Americans in
 25 poverty, and 1 of every 9 rural Americans.

1 (5) Health centers provide primary and preven-
2 tive care services to more than 700,000 homeless
3 persons and more than 725,000 farm workers in the
4 United States.

5 (6) Health centers are community-oriented and
6 patient-focused and tailor their services to fit the
7 special needs and priorities of local communities;
8 working together with schools, businesses, churches,
9 community organizations, foundations, and State
10 and local governments.

11 (7) Health centers are built through community
12 initiative.

13 (8) Health centers encourage citizen participa-
14 tion and provide jobs for 50,000 community resi-
15 dents.

16 (9) Congress established the program as a
17 unique public-private partnership, and has continued
18 to provide direct funding to community organiza-
19 tions for the development and operation of health
20 centers systems that address pressing local health
21 needs and meet national performance standards.

22 (10) Federal grants assist participating commu-
23 nities in finding partners and recruiting doctors and
24 other health professionals.

1 (11) Federal grants constitute, on average, 24
2 percent of the annual budget of such health centers;
3 with the remainder provided by State and local gov-
4 ernments, Medicare, Medicaid, private contributions,
5 private insurance, and patient fees.

6 (12) Health centers make health care respon-
7 sive and cost-effective through aggressive outreach,
8 patient education, translation, and other enabling
9 support services.

10 (13) Health centers help reduce health dispari-
11 ties, meet escalating health care needs, and provide
12 a vital safety net in the health care delivery system
13 of the United States.

14 (14) Health centers increase the use of preven-
15 tive health services, including immunizations, pap
16 smears, mammograms, and HBA1c tests for diabetes
17 screenings.

18 (15) Expert studies have demonstrated the im-
19 pact that these community-owned and patient-con-
20 trolled primary care delivery systems have achieved
21 both in the reduction of traditional access barriers
22 and the elimination of health disparities among their
23 patients.

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIA-**
 2 **TIONS FOR HEALTH CENTERS PROGRAM OF**
 3 **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.**

4 Section 330(r) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 5 U.S.C. 254b(r)) is amended by amending paragraph (1)
 6 to read as follows:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of ear-
 8 rying out this section, in addition to the amounts
 9 authorized to be appropriated under subsection (d),
 10 there are authorized to be appropriated
 11 \$1,963,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and such sums
 12 as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
 13 2008 through 2011.”.

14 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

15 *This Act may be cited as the “Health Centers Renewal*
 16 *Act of 2006”.*

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- 2 *2008.”.*

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