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H. R. 2946

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a grant to a qualified youth-serving organization for recruiting and preparing students for careers and volunteer opportunities as future health care professionals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself and Ms. GRANGER) 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 “Health Care Profes-
5 sional Pipeline Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECRUITING AND PREPARING FUTURE HEALTH**
2 **CARE PROFESSIONALS.**

3 Title XXVIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 300hbb et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating sections 2814 and 2815 as
6 sections 2815 and 2816; and

7 (2) by inserting after section 2813 the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“SEC. 2814. RECRUITING AND PREPARING FUTURE HEALTH**
10 **CARE PROFESSIONALS.**

11 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to re-
12 cruit and prepare more than 500,000 students in sec-
13 ondary schools, institutions of higher education, and con-
14 tinuing education programs for careers as future health
15 care professionals by the year 2014 including volunteer
16 opportunities in the Public Health Service and the Medical
17 Reserve Corps under section 2813.

18 “(b) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PIPELINE
19 GRANT.—The Secretary shall make a grant to a qualified
20 youth serving organization for establishing and expanding
21 emergency preparedness pipelines consisting of—

22 “(1) health science curricula in secondary
23 schools, institutions of higher education, and con-
24 tinuing education programs that prepare students
25 for careers as future health care professionals; and

1 “(2) school-based emergency preparedness
2 chapters described in subsection (c).

3 “(c) SCHOOL-BASED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
4 CHAPTERS.—A school-based emergency preparedness
5 chapter described in this subsection must meet each of the
6 following:

7 “(1) The chapter is administered by a qualified
8 youth-serving organization.

9 “(2) The chapter recruits and prepares stu-
10 dents for Federal, State, community, and school
11 public health emergencies under the administration
12 of a qualified youth serving organization.

13 “(3) The emergency preparedness training of
14 the chapter—

15 “(A) is implemented uniformly;

16 “(B) is coordinated with and integrated
17 into the health science curriculum of the school
18 involved; and

19 “(C) is provided through certified health
20 science instructors serving as chapter advisors.

21 “(d) NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.—

22 “(1) GRANTS.—Each year, the Secretary shall
23 make a grant to a qualified youth-serving organiza-
24 tion to conduct a national leadership conference.

1 “(2) PARTICIPANTS.—A national leadership
2 conference funded through a grant under this sub-
3 section shall include representatives of—

4 “(A) health science programs in secondary
5 schools, institutions of higher education, and
6 continuing education programs;

7 “(B) school-based emergency preparedness
8 chapters; and

9 “(C) the Medical Reserve Corps under sec-
10 tion 2813.

11 “(3) ACTIVITIES.—The activities of a national
12 leadership conference funded through a grant under
13 this subsection shall include general sessions, work-
14 shops, competitive events (including at least 5
15 knowledge- and skill-based demonstrations), and a
16 recognition program.

17 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘institution of higher education’
19 has the meaning given to that term in section 101
20 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

21 “(2) The term ‘qualified youth-serving organi-
22 zation’ means a nonprofit organization that—

23 “(A) prepares youth exclusively for career
24 entry and advancement opportunities in the

1 health professions, including the Public Health
2 Service;

3 “(B) offers a national recognition and
4 competitive events program in which students
5 in school-based emergency preparedness chap-
6 ters and chapter members can demonstrate
7 their knowledge and skills in responding to pub-
8 lic health emergencies;

9 “(C) operates at least 2,500 such chapters;
10 and

11 “(D) operates in at least 40 States.

12 “(3) The term ‘school-based emergency pre-
13 paredness chapter’ means a school-based emergency
14 chapter funded through a grant under subsection
15 (b)(2).

16 “(4) The term ‘secondary school’ has the mean-
17 ing given to such term in section 9101 of the Ele-
18 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

19 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
20 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
21 priated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums
22 as may be necessary for fiscal years 2011 through 2014.”.

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