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H. R. 2440

To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve loan repayment programs of the National Institutes of Health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to improve loan repayment programs of the National Institutes of Health.

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. IMPROVEMENT OF LOAN REPAYMENT PRO-**
4 **GRAMS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF**
5 **HEALTH.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part G of title IV of the Public
7 Health Service (42 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating the second section 487F
9 (42 U.S.C. 288–6; pediatric research loan repayment
10 program) as section 487G; and

1 (2) by inserting after section 487G, as so rededesignated, the following:

3 **“SEC. 487H. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
5 program, based on workforce and scientific needs, of entering into contracts with qualified health professionals
6 under which such health professionals agree to engage in
7 research in consideration of the Federal Government
8 agreeing to pay, for each year of engaging in such research,
9 search, not more than \$50,000 of the principal and interest of the educational loans of such health professionals.

12 “(b) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—Beginning with
13 respect to fiscal year 2017, the Secretary may increase
14 the maximum amount specified in subsection (a) by an
15 amount that is determined by the Secretary, on an annual
16 basis, to reflect inflation.

17 “(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not enter into
18 a contract with a health professional pursuant to subsection (a) unless such professional has a substantial
19 amount of educational loans relative to income.

21 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Except to the extent inconsistent with this section, the provisions of sections
22 338B, 338C, and 338E shall apply to the program established under this section to the same extent and in the
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1 same manner as such provisions apply to the National
2 Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program estab-
3 lished under section 338B.

4 “(e) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Amounts
5 appropriated for a fiscal year for contracts under sub-
6 section (a) are authorized to remain available until the ex-
7 piration of the second fiscal year beginning after the fiscal
8 year for which the amounts were appropriated.”.

9 (b) UPDATE OF OTHER LOAN REPAYMENT PRO-
10 GRAMS.—

11 (1) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR MINORITY
12 HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH.—Section 464z-
13 5(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42
14 U.S.C.285t-2(a)) is amended—

15 (A) in subsection (a), by striking
16 “\$35,000” and inserting “\$50,000”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
18 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
19 apply with respect to the maximum amount
20 specified in this subsection in the same manner
21 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
22 in subsection (a) of such section.”.

23 (2) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR RE-
24 SEARCH WITH RESPECT TO ACQUIRED IMMUNE DE-

1 FICIENCY SYNDROME.—Section 487A(a) of such Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 288–1(a)) is amended—

3 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
4 “\$50,000”; and

5 (B) by adding at the end the following new
6 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
7 apply with respect to the maximum amount
8 specified in this subsection in the same manner
9 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
10 in subsection (a) of such section.”.

11 (3) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR RE-
12 SEARCH WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACEPTION AND IN-
13 FERTILITY.—Section 487B(a) of such Act (42
14 U.S.C. 288–2(a)) is amended—

15 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
16 “\$50,000”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
18 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
19 apply with respect to the maximum amount
20 specified in this subsection in the same manner
21 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
22 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

23 (4) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR RE-
24 SEARCH GENERALLY.—Section 487C(a)(1) of such
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 288–3(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
2 “\$50,000”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new
4 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
5 apply with respect to the maximum amount
6 specified in this paragraph in the same manner
7 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
8 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

9 (5) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM REGARDING
10 CLINICAL RESEARCHERS FROM DISADVANTAGED
11 BACKGROUNDS.—Section 487E(a)(1) of such Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 288–5(a)(1)) is amended—

13 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
14 “\$50,000”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new
16 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
17 apply with respect to the maximum amount
18 specified in this paragraph in the same manner
19 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
20 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

21 (6) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM REGARDING
22 CLINICAL RESEARCHERS.—Section 487F(a) of such
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 288–5a(a)), as added by section 205
24 of Public Law 106–505, is amended—

1 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
2 “\$50,000”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new
4 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
5 apply with respect to the maximum amount
6 specified in this subsection in the same manner
7 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
8 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

9 (7) PEDIATRIC RESEARCH LOAN REPAYMENT
10 PROGRAM.—Section 487F of such Act (42 U.S.C.
11 288–6, as added by section 1002(b) of Public Law
12 106–310, is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
14 “\$35,000” and inserting “\$50,000”;

15 (B) in subsection (b), by adding at the end
16 the following new sentence: “Subsection (b) of
17 section 487H shall apply with respect to the
18 maximum amount specified in subsection (a)(1)
19 in the same manner as it applies to the max-
20 imum amount specified in such subsection (a)
21 of such section.”; and

22 (C) by redesignating such section as sec-
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