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# H. R. 959

To amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Ms. GABBARD, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. MEEHAN, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Title VIII Nursing  
5 Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTING CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS.**

2 (a) **ADVANCED EDUCATION NURSING GRANTS.**—Sec-  
3 tion 811 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 296j) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by striking “R.N./Master’s” and in-  
7 serting “R.N./graduate”; and

8 (B) by inserting “clinical nurse leaders,”  
9 before “or public health nurses”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as  
11 subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

12 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(f) **AUTHORIZED CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST**  
15 **PROGRAMS.**—Clinical nurse specialist programs eligible  
16 for support under this section are education programs  
17 that—

18 “(1) provide registered nurses with full-time  
19 clinical nurse specialist education; and

20 “(2) have as their objective the education of  
21 clinical nurse specialists who will upon completion of  
22 such a program be qualified to effectively provide  
23 care through the wellness and illness continuum to  
24 inpatients and outpatients experiencing acute and  
25 chronic illness.”.

1 (b) DEFINITION OF NURSE-MANAGED HEALTH  
2 CLINIC.—Section 801 of the Public Health Service Act  
3 (42 U.S.C. 296) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(18) NURSE-MANAGED HEALTH CLINIC.—The  
6 term ‘nurse-managed health clinic’ means a nurse-  
7 practice arrangement, managed by advanced practice  
8 nurses, that provides primary care or wellness serv-  
9 ices to underserved or vulnerable populations and  
10 that is associated with a school, college, university or  
11 department of nursing, federally qualified health  
12 center, or independent nonprofit health or social  
13 services agency.”.

14 (c) NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NURSE EDU-  
15 CATION AND PRACTICE.—Section 851(b)(1)(A)(iv) of the  
16 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297t(b)(1)(A)(iv))  
17 is amended by striking “and nurse anesthetists” and in-  
18 serting “nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists”.

19 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR NURSING**  
20 **PROGRAMS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VIII of the Public Health  
22 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (i)(1) of section 846 (42  
24 U.S.C. 297n; loan repayment and scholarship pro-  
25 grams), by striking “2007” and inserting “2022”;

1           (2) in subsection (f) of section 846A (42 U.S.C.  
2           297n–1; nurse faculty loan program), by striking  
3           “2014” and inserting “2022”;

4           (3) in subsection (e) of section 865 (42 U.S.C.  
5           298; comprehensive geriatric education), by striking  
6           “2014” and inserting “2022”; and

7           (4) in section 871 (42 U.S.C. 298d; funding for  
8           carrying out parts B and C and section 831)—

9                   (A) by striking “2016” and inserting  
10                  “2022”; and

11                   (B) by striking “B, C, and D” and insert-  
12                  ing “B and C and section 831”.

13           (b) NURSE EDUCATION, PRACTICE, QUALITY, AND  
14           RETENTION GRANTS.—Section 831 of the Public Health  
15           Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p) is amended—

16                   (1) in the section heading, by striking “**AND**  
17                  **QUALITY**” and inserting “**QUALITY, AND RETEN-**  
18                  **TION**”;

19                   (2) in subsection (c)(1)—

20                           (A) by amending subparagraph (A) to read  
21                   as follows:

22                                   “(A) to promote career advancement for—

23   “(i) nursing personnel in a variety of  
24   training settings, cross-training or spe-  
25   cialty training among diverse population

1 groups, and the advancement of individuals  
2 including to become professional nurses,  
3 advanced education nurses, licensed prac-  
4 tical nurses, certified nurse assistants, and  
5 home health aides; and

6 “(ii) individuals including licensed  
7 practical nurses, licensed vocational nurses,  
8 certified nurse assistants, home health  
9 aides, diploma degree or associate degree  
10 nurses, to become baccalaureate prepared  
11 registered nurses or advanced education  
12 nurses in order to meet the needs of the  
13 registered nurse workforce;”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
15 period and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(C) developing and implementing intern-  
18 ships and residency programs in collaboration  
19 with an accredited school of nursing, as defined  
20 by section 801(2), to encourage mentoring and  
21 the development of specialties.”;

22 (3) in subsection (g)—

23 (A) by striking “,” and inserting “;”;

24 (B) by striking “or”; and

- 1 (C) by inserting “, or a nurse-managed
- 2 health clinic” before the period; and
- 3 (4) by striking subsection (h).

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