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H. R. 8330

To amend the Public Health Service Act to increase access to accelerated nursing degree programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2024

Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio) 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 “Stop Nurse Shortages
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCELERATED NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 831(a) of the Public
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p(a)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the
10 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) creating, expanding, or supporting an ac-
5 celerated nursing degree program at a school of
6 nursing (including by hiring and retaining faculty
7 and preceptors, increasing the number of clinical
8 training sites, and offering student financial assist-
9 ance) to increase the number of graduating nurses,
10 including graduates who are from disadvantaged
11 backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities
12 underrepresented among registered nurses and ad-
13 vanced practice registered nurses).”.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 871 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 298d)
16 is amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(c) ACCELERATED NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS.—
18 In addition to amounts made available under paragraph
19 (1), for the purpose of carrying out section 831(a)(3),
20 there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for
21 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.

22 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 4 years
23 after the date on which the first grant or contract is made
24 under paragraph (3) of section 831(a) of the Public
25 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p(a)), as added by sub-

1 section (a), the Secretary of Health and Human Services
2 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
3 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
4 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a
5 report on—

6 (1) the number of nursing students,
7 disaggregated by grantee, who enrolled at institu-
8 tions receiving grants under such paragraph (3);

9 (2) the number of nursing students who grad-
10 uated from such institutions; and

11 (3) the number of accelerated nursing degree
12 programs established by such grants.

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