

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1859

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of pediatric subspecialists in the National Health Service Corps program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2015

Mr. COLLINS of New York (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Ensuring Children’s
5 Access to Specialty Care Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF PEDIATRIC SUBSPECIALTIES IN**
2 **NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**

3 (a) PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES DEFINITION.—Sec-
4 tion 331(a)(3)(D) of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 254d(a)(3)(D)) is amended by inserting “(includ-
6 ing pediatric subspecialties and special qualifications in
7 pediatrics)” after “pediatrics”.

8 (b) BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFES-
9 SIONALS DEFINITION.—Section 331(a)(3)(E)(i) of the
10 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(a)(3)(E)(i))
11 is amended by inserting “(and pediatric subspecialists
12 thereof)” after “psychiatrists”.

13 (c) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS.—
14 Section 332(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42
15 U.S.C. 254e(a)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “(includ-
17 ing such a population group of children and adoles-
18 cents)” after “shortage”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “pediatric
20 subspecialty medical residency or fellowship training
21 site,” after “health department,”.

22 (d) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Subparagraph
23 (B) of section 338B(b)(1) of the Public Health Service
24 Act (42 U.S.C. 254l–1(b)(1)) is amended by inserting

- 1 “(including a pediatric subspecialty residency or fellowship
- 2 training program)” before the semicolon.

