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# H. R. 3263

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to increase and support nurse faculty and clinical preceptors, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Ms. BARRAGÁN) 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 “Support Faculty and  
5 Expand Access to Nursing School Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE AND SUPPORT**  
2 **NURSE FACULTY AND CLINICAL PRECEP-**  
3 **TORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VIII of the Public Health  
5 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by insert-  
6 ing after part F (42 U.S.C. 297t) the following new part:

7 **“PART G—NURSE FACULTY AND CLINICAL**  
8 **PRECEPTORS**

9 **“SEC. 861. INCREASING AND SUPPORTING NURSE FACULTY**  
10 **AND CLINICAL PRECEPTORS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
12 grants to schools of nursing to support the recruitment  
13 and retention of nurse faculty and clinical preceptors who  
14 supervise nursing students to help educate the future  
15 nursing workforce.

16 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible to receive  
17 a grant under this section, a school of nursing shall submit  
18 an application to the Secretary that includes—

19 “(1) documentation that such school is experi-  
20 encing a shortage of faculty or clinical preceptors;  
21 and

22 “(2) a description of how such school will utilize  
23 funds received through the grant to recruit and re-  
24 tain faculty or clinical preceptors, as applicable.

1       “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
2 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to any school of  
3 nursing that—

4               “(1) demonstrates that the school’s shortage of  
5 teaching faculty or clinical preceptors is a reason  
6 that the school has not accepted all qualified appli-  
7 cants into the respective school’s programs;

8               “(2) demonstrates that the school is located in  
9 a State or city whose schools of nursing experience  
10 above-average shortages of teaching faculty or clin-  
11 ical preceptors;

12               “(3) prioritizes the recruitment and retention of  
13 nurse faculty from disadvantaged backgrounds (in-  
14 cluding racial or ethnic groups underrepresented in  
15 the nursing workforce), low-income individuals, and  
16 first-generation college students;

17               “(4) prioritizes the recruitment and retention of  
18 full-time nurse faculty and clinical preceptors; or

19               “(5) demonstrates in its application an intent  
20 to sustain gains realized through the grant.

21       “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A school of nursing that re-  
22 ceives a grant under this section may use the funds award-  
23 ed through such grant for activities that include—

24               “(1) hiring additional nurse faculty or clinical  
25 preceptors;

1           “(2) increasing pay or benefits to retain or re-  
2           cruit nurse faculty or clinical preceptors;

3           “(3) partnering with a health care facility,  
4           nurse-managed health clinic, community health cen-  
5           ter, or other facility that provides health care in  
6           order to provide educational opportunities for the  
7           purpose of increasing the number of clinical precep-  
8           tors and clinical rotation sites;

9           “(4) developing and disseminating information  
10          to educate nursing students about opportunities to  
11          serve as clinical preceptors or nursing school faculty  
12          throughout their careers;

13          “(5) offering education opportunities to pro-  
14          mote the growth and development of nursing stu-  
15          dents and registered nurses into roles as clinical pre-  
16          ceptors and teaching faculty;

17          “(6) supporting the recruitment and retention  
18          of diverse faculty members; and

19          “(7) coordinating programs with another health  
20          care facility.

21          “(e) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—Each school of nurs-  
22          ing awarded a grant under this section shall submit an  
23          annual report (in such form and manner as the Secretary  
24          may require) to the Secretary containing—

1           “(1) information on programs and activities  
2 funded through such grant;

3           “(2) information related to the outcomes of  
4 such programs and activities, including—

5                 “(A) the total number of nurse faculty or  
6 clinical preceptors who were hired or retained  
7 through such grant;

8                 “(B) the total number of students enrolled  
9 in such school of nursing before and after the  
10 implementation of programs and activities fund-  
11 ed through such grant; and

12                 “(C) to the extent such information is  
13 available, deidentified and disaggregated data  
14 by race, ethnicity, age, sex, geographic region,  
15 disability status, and other relevant factors re-  
16 garding nursing students enrolled in such  
17 school of nursing; and

18           “(3) other information as the Secretary may re-  
19 quire.”.

20           (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
21 871 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 298d)  
22 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23           “(c) PART G.—For the purpose of carrying out part  
24 G, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as

1 may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2024 through  
2 2025.”.

3 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Effective as if in-  
4 cluded in the enactment of the CARES Act (Public Law  
5 116–136), paragraph (12) of section 3404(a) of such Act  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 “(12) by striking part G (42 U.S.C. 297w and  
8 297x); and”.

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