

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5998

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a loan repayment program under which health professionals agree to conduct prevention activities, as employees of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, in consideration of the Federal Government agreeing to make payments on the principal and interest of the educational loans of such health professionals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a loan repayment program under which health professionals agree to conduct prevention activities, as employees of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, in consideration of the Federal Government agreeing to make payments on the principal and interest of the educational loans of such health professionals, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Experts to
3 Control, Understand, and Respond to Emergencies Act”
4 or the “SECURE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**
6 **FOR PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.**

7 Section 317F of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. Sec. 247b–7) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

10 (A) by inserting after “conduct prevention
11 activities” the following: “, including rapid re-
12 sponse to major health threats,”; and

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

15 (2) in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking “3
16 years” and inserting “2 years”; and

17 (3) in section (c)—

18 (A) by striking “1994” and inserting
19 “2019”; and

20 (B) by striking “1995 through 2002” and
21 inserting “2020 through 2023”.

○