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H. R. 880

To establish a program to provide for women’s heart health continuing medical education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To establish a program to provide for women’s heart health continuing medical education, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Heart Health En-
5 hancement through Access to Research and Training
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**
2 **FOR PHYSICIANS ON WOMEN'S HEART**
3 **HEALTH.**

4 Part A of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 300w et seq.) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 **"SEC. 1910A. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PRO-**
8 **GRAMS FOR PHYSICIANS ON WOMEN'S HEART**
9 **HEALTH.**

10 "(a) IN GENERAL.—For activities in addition to the
11 activities which may be carried out by States under section
12 1904(a)(1)(A), the Secretary may make grants to eligible
13 entities to support a program to establish and implement
14 continuing education programs for physicians designed to
15 improve the prevention, identification, and treatment of
16 cardiovascular disease in women.

17 "(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant under
18 this section may use grant funds to establish, for physi-
19 cians who provide health care services that include cardio-
20 vascular health—

21 "(1) a women's heart health continuing medical
22 education program that meets the requirements
23 specified in subsection (c); or

24 "(2) to expand or improve upon a women's
25 heart health continuing medical education program
26 that—

1 “(A) meets such requirements; and

2 “(B) is carried out by such recipient as of
3 the date of the enactment of this section.

4 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
6 lish requirements for women’s heart health con-
7 tinuing medical education programs to be carried
8 out using funds awarded through a grant under this
9 section.

10 “(2) MINIMUM CRITERIA.—At a minimum, the
11 Secretary shall require that programs referred to in
12 paragraph (1) be—

13 “(A) evidence-based;

14 “(B) focused on cardiovascular health and
15 disease specific to women; and

16 “(C) designed to allow applicable State li-
17 censing bodies to provide continuing medical
18 education credit for the completion of such a
19 program; and

20 “(D) provided by an entity that is accred-
21 ited as a continuing medical education provider
22 by the Accreditation Council for Continuing
23 Medical Education, the American Medical Asso-
24 ciation, the American Academy of Family Phy-

1 sicians, or the American Osteopathic Associa-
2 tion; and

3 “(3) PROMOTION PLAN.—As a condition on re-
4 ceipt of grant funds under this section, an eligible
5 entity shall certify to the Secretary that the entity
6 has in effect a plan to advertise the continuing edu-
7 cation program or programs established, or ex-
8 panded or improved upon, pursuant to this section
9 to physicians who provide health care services that
10 include cardiovascular health.

11 “(4) COLLABORATION.—In developing the re-
12 quirements for continuing medical education pro-
13 grams under this subsection, the Secretary shall col-
14 laborate with relevant stakeholders that specialize in
15 cardiovascular health for women, including—

16 “(A) allopathic physicians and osteopathic
17 physicians;

18 “(B) academic and research institutions;

19 “(C) representatives of the Centers for
20 Disease Control and Prevention;

21 “(D) representatives of State medical
22 boards; and

23 “(E) representatives of the Accreditation
24 Council for Continuing Medical Education, the
25 American Medical Association, the American

1 Academy of Family Physicians, and the Amer-
2 ican Osteopathic Association.

3 “(5) GEOGRAPHIC AND POPULATION DIVER-
4 SITY.—The stakeholders referred to in paragraph
5 (4) shall—

6 “(A) represent a diverse set of geographic
7 areas, including rural, urban, and suburban
8 areas; and

9 “(B) include representatives of high popu-
10 lation density States (as determined by the Sec-
11 retary).

12 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
13 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall sub-
14 mit to Congress a report on—

15 “(1) best practices for the program established
16 under this section;

17 “(2) the rates of physician and medical profes-
18 sional utilization at eligible entities of training pro-
19 vided through the program;

20 “(3) obstacles faced by grant recipients in car-
21 rying out such training; and

22 “(4) the impact of the grant programs with re-
23 spect to women’s heart health outcomes.

24 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PRO-
2 GRAM.—The term ‘continuing medical education
3 program’ means a series of courses that meet re-
4 quirements for continuing medical education or con-
5 tinuing education by—

6 “(A) the Accreditation Council for Con-
7 tinuing Medical Education;

8 “(B) the American Medical Association;

9 “(C) the American Academy of Family
10 Physicians;

11 “(D) the American Osteopathic Associa-
12 tion; or

13 “(E) another medical professional organi-
14 zation or certified accrediting body, as deter-
15 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

16 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
17 tity’ means—

18 “(A) a hospital;

19 “(B) a community health center;

20 “(C) another health care setting;

21 “(D) a State, local, territorial, or Tribal
22 public health department;

23 “(E) a medical or other health professional
24 school; and

1 “(F) any other appropriate public or pri-
2 vate nonprofit entity (or consortia of such enti-
3 ties).

4 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.”.

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