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S. 1480

To provide for the construction, renovation, and improvement of medical school facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2011

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To provide for the construction, renovation, and improvement of medical school facilities, 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In June 2011, construction employment de-
6 clined by 68,470, and has fallen by 2,200,000 since
7 the economic downturn began, according to the Bu-
8 reau of Labor Statistics.

9 (2) By 2020, the Nation will face a shortage of
10 about 85,000 physicians, due in part to the aging

1 population, according to the Council on Graduate
2 Medical Education.

3 (3) The American Academy of Family Physi-
4 cians recommended in 2006 that to meet the need
5 of primary care physicians in 2020 the United
6 States would need to train 3,725 family physicians
7 and 714 osteopathic physicians annually, with an
8 overall goal of a 39 percent increase in family physi-
9 cians.

10 (4) The Association of American Medical Col-
11 leges has called for increased enrollment at Liaison
12 Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accred-
13 ited medical schools from 15 to 30 percent over the
14 2002 levels by 2015. This increase would boost the
15 number of graduates to about 20,000.

16 (5) The Federal Government has not supported
17 significant construction of medical schools since the
18 1960s and 1970s.

19 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF MEDICAL SCHOOL.**

20 The term “medical school” means any accredited 4-
21 year allopathic or osteopathic medical school.

22 **SEC. 3. GRANTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services shall establish a program of grants to
25 medical schools for the purposes of constructing, ren-

1 ovating, or improving medical school facilities and increas-
2 ing the supply of physicians.

3 (b) USE OF GRANTS.—Amounts provided for grants
4 under this section may be used to construct new facilities
5 or renovate and improve existing facilities for the purpose
6 described in subsection (a).

7 (c) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services shall allocate funds appropriated under
9 this Act among medical schools based on the following cri-
10 teria:

11 (1) First priority shall be given to new medical
12 schools accredited to admit students from fiscal
13 years 2009 through 2014.

14 (2) Priority shall be given to medical schools
15 looking to create a new branch of an existing school.

16 (3) Priority shall be given to medical schools
17 that serve areas designated by the Health Resources
18 and Services Administration as Medically Under-
19 served Areas.

20 (4) Funds shall only be allocated to medical
21 schools that provide accountability and transparency
22 in expending such funds.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012
4 through 2016.

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