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# S. 3175

To establish a grant program to support schools of medicine and schools of osteopathic medicine in underserved areas.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## A BILL

To establish a grant program to support schools of medicine and schools of osteopathic medicine in underserved areas.

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 “Expanding Medical  
5 Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE AND SCHOOLS**  
 2 **OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE IN UNDER-**  
 3 **SERVED AREAS.**

4 Subpart II of part C of title VII of the Public Health  
 5 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293m et seq.) is amended by add-  
 6 ing at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 749C. GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE AND**  
 8 **SCHOOLS OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE IN UN-**  
 9 **DERSERVED AREAS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants  
 11 to institutions of higher education (including consortiums  
 12 of such institutions) for the establishment, improvement,  
 13 or expansion of a school of medicine or osteopathic medi-  
 14 cine, or a branch campus of a school of medicine or osteo-  
 15 pathic medicine.

16 “(b) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant recipients under  
 17 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to any insti-  
 18 tution of higher education (or consortium of such institu-  
 19 tions) that—

20 “(1) proposes to use the grant for the establish-  
 21 ment of a school of medicine or osteopathic medi-  
 22 cine, or a branch campus of a school of medicine or  
 23 osteopathic medicine, in an area—

24 “(A) in which—

25 “(i) no other such school is based; or

1           “(ii) in the case in which the school of  
2           medicine or osteopathic medicine proposed  
3           to be established would be a minority-serv-  
4           ing institution, no other minority-serving  
5           institution that includes a school of medi-  
6           cine or osteopathic medicine is based; and

7           “(B) that is a medically underserved com-  
8           munity or a health professional shortage area;  
9           or

10          “(2) is a minority-serving institution described  
11          in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of  
12          1965 or an institution or program described in sec-  
13          tion 326(e) of such Act.

14          “(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding grants under  
15          this section, the Secretary, to the extent practicable, may  
16          ensure equitable distribution of awards among the geo-  
17          graphical regions of the United States.

18          “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—An institution of higher edu-  
19          cation (or a consortium of such institutions)—

20                 “(1) shall use grant amounts received under  
21          this section to—

22                 “(A) recruit, enroll, and retain medical  
23                 students who are pursuing a degree of doctor of  
24                 medicine or doctor of osteopathy, including in-  
25                 dividuals who are from disadvantaged back-

1 grounds (including racial and ethnic groups  
2 underrepresented among medical students and  
3 health professions), individuals from rural and  
4 underserved areas, low-income individuals, and  
5 first generation college students, at a school of  
6 medicine or osteopathic medicine or branch  
7 campus of a school of medicine or osteopathic  
8 medicine; and

9 “(B) develop, implement, and expand cur-  
10 rriculum that emphasizes care for rural and un-  
11 derserved populations, including accessible and  
12 culturally and linguistically appropriate care  
13 and services, at such school or branch campus;  
14 and

15 “(2) may use grant amounts received under this  
16 section to—

17 “(A) plan and construct—

18 “(i) a school of medicine or osteo-  
19 pathic medicine, or a branch campus of a  
20 school of medicine or osteopathic medicine,  
21 in an area in which no other such school  
22 is based; or

23 “(ii) a school of medicine or osteo-  
24 pathic medicine, or a branch campus of a  
25 school of medicine or osteopathic medicine,

1           that will be a minority-serving institution,  
2           in an area in which no other such school  
3           that is a minority-serving institution is  
4           based;

5           “(B) plan, develop, and meet criteria for  
6           accreditation for a school of medicine or osteo-  
7           pathic medicine or branch campus of a school  
8           of medicine or osteopathic medicine;

9           “(C) hire faculty, including faculty from  
10          racial and ethnic groups who are underrep-  
11          resented among the medical and other health  
12          professions, and other staff to serve at such a  
13          school or branch campus;

14          “(D) support educational programs at such  
15          a school or branch campus;

16          “(E) modernize and expand infrastructure  
17          at such a school or branch campus; and

18          “(F) support other activities that the Sec-  
19          retary determines further the establishment,  
20          improvement, or expansion of a school of medi-  
21          cine or osteopathic medicine or branch campus  
22          of a school of medicine or osteopathic medicine.

23          “(e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
24          under subsection (a), an institution of higher education  
25          (or a consortium of such institutions), shall submit an ap-

1 plication to the Secretary at such time, in such manner,  
 2 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-  
 3 quire, including a description of the institution's or con-  
 4 sortium's planned activities described in subsection (d).

5 “(f) REPORTING.—

6 “(1) REPORTS FROM ENTITIES.—Each institu-  
 7 tion of higher education, or consortium of such insti-  
 8 tutions, awarded a grant under this section shall  
 9 submit an annual report to the Secretary on the ac-  
 10 tivities conducted under such grant, and other infor-  
 11 mation as the Secretary may require.

12 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 5  
 13 years after the date of enactment of this section and  
 14 every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit  
 15 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and  
 16 Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on En-  
 17 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives  
 18 a report that provides a summary of the activities  
 19 and outcomes associated with grants made under  
 20 this section. Such reports shall include—

21 “(A) a list of awardees, including their pri-  
 22 mary geographic location, and location of any  
 23 school of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or a  
 24 branch campus of school of medicine or osteo-

1 pathic medicine that was established, improved,  
2 or expanded under this program;

3 “(B) the total number of students (includ-  
4 ing the number of students from racial and eth-  
5 nic groups underrepresented among medical  
6 students and health professions, low-income  
7 students, and first generation college students)  
8 who—

9 “(i) are enrolled at or who have grad-  
10 uated from any school of medicine or os-  
11 teopathic medicine, or a branch campus of  
12 school of medicine or osteopathic medicine,  
13 that was established, improved, or ex-  
14 panded under this program, deidentified  
15 and disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age,  
16 sex, geographic region, disability status,  
17 and other relevant factors, to the extent  
18 such information is available; and

19 “(ii) who subsequently participate in  
20 an accredited internship or medical resi-  
21 dency program upon graduation from any  
22 school of medicine or osteopathic medicine,  
23 or a branch campus of a school of medicine  
24 or osteopathic medicine, that was estab-  
25 lished, improved, or expanded under this

1 program, deidentified and disaggregated by  
2 race, ethnicity, age, sex, geographic region,  
3 disability status, medical specialty pursued,  
4 and other relevant factors, to the extent  
5 such information is available;

6 “(C) the effects of such program on the  
7 health care provider workforce, including any  
8 impact on demographic representation  
9 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and sex, and  
10 the fields or specialties pursued by students  
11 who have graduated from any school of medi-  
12 cine or osteopathic medicine, or a branch cam-  
13 pus of school of medicine or osteopathic medi-  
14 cine, that was established, improved, or ex-  
15 panded under this program;

16 “(D) the effects of such program on health  
17 care access in underserved areas, including  
18 medically underserved communities and health  
19 professional shortage areas; and

20 “(E) recommendations for improving the  
21 program described in this section, and any  
22 other considerations as the Secretary deter-  
23 mines appropriate.

24 “(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary  
25 shall make reports submitted under paragraph (2)



1 publicly available on the website of the Department  
2 of Health and Human Services.

3 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) BRANCH CAMPUS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘branch  
6 campus’, with respect to a school of medicine or  
7 osteopathic medicine, means an additional loca-  
8 tion of such school that is geographically apart  
9 and independent of the main campus, at which  
10 the school offers at least 50 percent of the pro-  
11 gram leading to a degree of doctor of medicine  
12 or doctor of osteopathy that is offered at the  
13 main campus.

14 “(B) INDEPENDENCE FROM MAIN CAM-  
15 PUS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the  
16 location of a school described in such subpara-  
17 graph shall be considered to be independent of  
18 the main campus described in such subpara-  
19 graph if the location—

20 “(i) is permanent in nature;

21 “(ii) offers courses in educational pro-  
22 grams leading to a degree, certificate, or  
23 other recognized educational credential;

24 “(iii) has its own faculty and adminis-  
25 trative or supervisory organization; and

1                   “(iv) has its own budgetary and hiring  
2                   authority.

3                   “(2) FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT.—  
4                   The term ‘first generation college student’ has the  
5                   meaning given such term in section 402A(h)(3) of  
6                   the Higher Education Act of 1965.

7                   “(3) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE  
8                   AREA.—The term ‘health professional shortage area’  
9                   has the meaning given such term in section 332(a).

10                  “(4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—  
11                  The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the  
12                  meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
13                  er Education Act of 1965.

14                  “(5) MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.—  
15                  The term ‘medically underserved community’ has the  
16                  meaning given such term in section 799B(6).

17                  “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
18                  is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-  
19                  essary to carry out this section.”.

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