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H. R. 10078

To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to establish within the Indian Health Service an Office of Graduate Medical Education Programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STANSBURY (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “IHS Provider Expan-
5 sion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE OFFICE OF GRADUATE**
2 **MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

3 Title I of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
4 (25 U.S.C. 1611 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 125. OFFICE OF GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**
7 **PROGRAMS.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting
9 through the Service, (in this section referred to as the
10 ‘Secretary’) shall establish within the Service an Office of
11 Graduate Medical Education Programs (in this section re-
12 ferred to as the ‘Office’).

13 “(b) DUTIES.—The Office shall have the following
14 duties:

15 “(1) To create a pipeline for future health care
16 professionals, paraprofessionals, and other health-re-
17 lated professionals (as identified by the Secretary) to
18 participate in residency and fellowship programs.

19 “(2) To oversee current residency and fellow-
20 ship programs at facilities of the Service and facili-
21 tate the establishment of additional residency pro-
22 grams that support recruitment and retention of
23 health care professionals, paraprofessionals, and
24 other health-related professionals (as identified by
25 the Secretary) working at such facilities.

1 “(3) To serve as the central hub for residency
2 programs at facilities of the Service.

3 “(4) To work in consultation or coordination
4 with academic institutions.

5 “(5) To coordinate medical student and elective
6 rotational and education track programs.

7 “(c) INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
9 tion with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Sec-
10 retary of Labor, the Administrator of the Health Re-
11 sources and Services Administration, and the Ad-
12 ministrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
13 Services, shall establish an interagency working
14 group (in this subsection referred to as the ‘working
15 group’) to assist the Secretary in establishing the
16 Office under subsection (a), including by—

17 “(A) supporting the implementation of the
18 Office; and

19 “(B) developing long-term planning for
20 long-term sustainability of the Office.

21 “(2) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than
22 the date that is 120 days after the date of enact-
23 ment of this section, and every 3 months thereafter,
24 the working group shall submit to Congress a report
25 on the activities of the working group.

1 “(3) TERMINATION.—The working group shall
2 terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date
3 of enactment of this section.

4 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Subject
5 to the availability of appropriations, there is authorized
6 to be appropriated to carry out this section, not less
7 than—

8 “(1) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and

9 “(2) \$4,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal
10 year.”.

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