

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2304

To amend the Public Health Service Act to support dual or concurrent enrollment programs in allied health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2023

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

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 “Allied Health Oppor-
5 tunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AWARDS FOR ALLIED HEALTH AND OTHER DIS-**
7 **CIPLINES.**

8 Section 755(b)(1) of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 294e(b)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “to indi-
2 viduals who have baccalaureate degrees in health-re-
3 lated sciences”;

4 (2) in the flush text at the end of subparagraph
5 (I), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

6 (3) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period
7 and inserting “; and”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(K) those that establish or support a dual
10 or concurrent enrollment program (as defined
11 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
12 ondary Education Act of 1965) if the dual or
13 concurrent enrollment program—

14 “(i) provides outreach on allied health
15 careers requiring an industry-recognized
16 credential, a certificate, or an associate de-
17 gree, to all high schools served by the local
18 educational agency that is a partner in the
19 partnership offering the dual or concurrent
20 enrollment program;

21 “(ii) provides information to high
22 school students about the training require-
23 ments and expected salary of allied health
24 professions; and

1 “(iii) provides academic and financial
2 aid counseling to students who participate
3 in the dual or concurrent enrollment pro-
4 gram.”.

5 **SEC. 3. SUPPORTING DUAL OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT**
6 **IN THE HEALTH CAREERS OPPORTUNITY**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 Section 739(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 293e(a)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and”
11 after the semicolon;

12 (2) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(J) providing academic and financial aid
16 counseling to support participation in a dual or
17 concurrent enrollment program (as defined in
18 section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary
19 Education Act of 1965) that leads to an indus-
20 try-recognized credential, a certificate, or an as-
21 sociate degree in the health professions or aca-
22 demic credits that can be transferred, as indi-
23 cated through an articulation agreement be-
24 tween 2 or more community colleges or univer-
25 sities, to obtain an industry-recognized creden-

1 tial, a certificate, or a degree in the health pro-
2 fessions.”.

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