

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain nursing workforce development programs, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Title VIII Nursing  
5       Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. ADVANCED NURSING EDUCATION GRANTS.**

7       Section 811 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
8       U.S.C. 296j) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “pro-  
2 grams.” and inserting the following: “programs, in-  
3 cluding individuals enrolled in—

4 “(A) authorized nurse practitioner pro-  
5 grams described in subsection (c);

6 “(B) authorized nurse-midwifery programs  
7 described in subsection (d);

8 “(C) authorized nurse anesthesia programs  
9 described in subsection (e); and

10 “(D) authorized clinical nurse specialist  
11 programs described in subsection (f).”;

12 (2) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “mid-  
14 wives” and inserting “nurse-midwives”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Amer-  
16 ican College of Nurse-Midwives”; and

17 (3) in subsection (h)(1)(A), by striking “fees”  
18 and inserting “fees, including costs for clinical edu-  
19 cation and preceptors,”.

20 **SEC. 3. STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR NURSE EDU-**  
21 **CATION AND PRACTICE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of title VIII of the Public  
23 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p et seq.) is amended—

24 (1) in the part heading, by striking “**BASIC**”;  
25 and

1 (2) in section 831 (42 U.S.C. 296p)—

2 (A) in subsection (a)—

3 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “or”  
4 after the semicolon;

5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
6 “methodologies.” and inserting “meth-  
7 odologies, audiovisual or other equipment,  
8 simulation and augmented reality re-  
9 sources, telehealth technologies, and virtual  
10 and physical laboratories; or”; and

11 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(3) increasing the number of faculty and stu-  
14 dents at schools of nursing in order to address nurs-  
15 ing workforce shortages.”; and

16 (B) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “and  
18 survivors of domestic violence” and insert-  
19 ing “survivors of domestic violence, and  
20 survivors of sexual assault”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “or”  
22 after the semicolon;

23 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking the  
24 period and inserting “; or”; and

1 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(5) partnering with a health care facility,  
4 nurse-managed health clinic, community health cen-  
5 ter, or other facility that provides health care in  
6 order to provide education opportunities for the pur-  
7 pose of establishing or expanding clinical edu-  
8 cation.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
10 806(f)(2)(C) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 296e(f)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “basic”.

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 Section 871 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 298d) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by striking  
16 “\$137,837,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through  
17 2025” and inserting “\$184,337,000 for each of fis-  
18 cal years 2026 through 2030”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b), by striking  
20 “\$117,135,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021  
21 through 2025” and inserting “\$121,135,000 for  
22 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.