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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To establish a State and regional nursing workforce center data collection pilot program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 1874

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

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. BLUNT
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Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . STATE AND REGIONAL NURSING WORKFORCE**

3 **CENTER DATA COLLECTION PILOT PRO-**

4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VIII of the Public Health

6 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by striking

7 **“PART G—PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS”** and

8 inserting the following:

1 **“PART G—NURSING WORKFORCE CENTERS**

2 **“SEC. 861. STATE AND REGIONAL NURSING WORKFORCE**
3 **CENTER DATA COLLECTION PILOT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry out a
6 3-year pilot program under which the Secretary awards
7 grants, or enters into contracts with, eligible entities to
8 establish new or enhance existing State- and regional
9 based nursing workforce centers, evaluate the impact of
10 State-and regional based nursing workforce centers on
11 outcomes, and assess the feasibility of nursing workforce
12 public-private partnerships. The Secretary shall begin im-
13 plementation of such pilot program not later than 1 year
14 after the date of enactment of the Title VIII Nursing
15 Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2026.

16 “(b) AWARD TERMS.—

17 “(1) TERM.—The term of a grant or contract
18 awarded under the pilot program under subsection
19 (a) shall be 3 years.

20 “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—As a condi-
21 tion on receipt of a grant or contract under the pilot
22 program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
23 require the applicant to agree, with respect to costs
24 to be incurred by the applicant in carrying out the
25 activities funded through the grant or contract, to
26 make available non-Federal contributions (in cash or

1 in kind) toward such costs in an amount that is
2 equal to not less than \$1 for each \$4 of Federal
3 funds provided through the grant or contract. Such
4 contributions may be made directly or through dona-
5 tions from public or private entities.

6 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
7 or contract under this section, an entity shall be—

8 “(1) a State agency;

9 “(2) a State board of nursing;

10 “(3) a nonprofit; or

11 “(4) a school of nursing.

12 “(d) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding
13 grants or contracts under this section, the Secretary shall
14 ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that such grants
15 and contracts are equitably distributed among the geo-
16 graphical regions of the United States.

17 “(e) PRIORITY.—In selecting the eligible entity to be
18 awarded a grant or contract under this section for a nurs-
19 ing workforce center in a particular State, the Secretary
20 shall give priority to eligible entities that—

21 “(1) propose to provide statewide services;

22 “(2) have expertise in the State’s nursing work-
23 force issues;

24 “(3) have a history of convening entities to ad-
25 dress nursing workforce issues; and

1 “(4) have partnerships with entities that tradi-
2 tionally educate or employ the State’s nurses.

3 “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant or con-
4 tract under this section may use such award for purposes
5 of—

6 “(1) collecting, analyzing, and reporting data
7 regarding nursing workforce training programs
8 under this Act to the National Center for Health
9 Care Workforce Analysis and to the public; and

10 “(2) providing technical assistance to local and
11 regional entities on the collection, analysis, and re-
12 porting of data and making recommendations to im-
13 prove nursing workforce capacity.

14 “(g) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date
15 on which the first grant or contract is awarded under the
16 pilot program under subsection (a), and annually there-
17 after, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on
18 the grants and contracts awarded under such pilot pro-
19 gram during the year covered by the report. Each such
20 report shall include—

21 “(1) a description of initiatives to study the
22 unique characteristics of State nursing workforces,
23 and efforts to increase the number of new nurses,
24 recruit nurses to the nursing profession, and retain
25 nurses in the workplace;

1 “(2) impact data on nurses served by nursing
2 workforce centers, including demographic informa-
3 tion of the individuals served, the number of such in-
4 dividuals, and the types of services provided;

5 “(3) the effectiveness of establishing formal
6 public-private relationships for purposes of under-
7 standing the national nursing workforce through im-
8 proved data collection and standardization;

9 “(4) data on continuous evaluation and quality
10 improvement, and other relevant data as determined
11 by the Secretary; and

12 “(5) the Secretary’s recommendations and best
13 practices for—

14 “(A) reducing shortages among different
15 nursing specialties;

16 “(B) reducing shortages in rural and un-
17 derserved areas;

18 “(C) improving geographical distribution of
19 the nursing workforce; and

20 “(D) reducing shortages among different
21 types of nursing employers.

22 “(h) DATA COLLECTION.—The recipient of a grant
23 or contract under this section shall provide the Secretary
24 with such information (including data and assurances), at

1 such time, and in such manner as the Secretary may re-
2 quire in order to prepare the report under paragraph (1).

3 “(i) FUNDING.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appro-
5 priated to carry out this title, the Secretary may use
6 up to \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years and 2027
7 through 2029 for purposes of carrying out this sec-
8 tion.

9 “(2) LIMITATION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
10 apply for a fiscal year unless the amount made avail-
11 able to carry out parts B, C, and D for such fiscal
12 year exceeds the amount appropriated to carry out
13 such parts for fiscal year 2026.”.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 871(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
16 298d(a)) is amended by striking “and D” and inserting
17 “D, and G”.