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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to increase retention of the rural health care workforce, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCKINLEY introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Rural Health Training  
5 Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING RETENTION OF RURAL HEALTH CARE**  
2 **WORKFORCE.**

3 Subpart II of part C of title III of the Public Health  
4 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293m) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 749C. INCREASING RETENTION OF RURAL HEALTH**  
7 **CARE WORKFORCE.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
9 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services  
10 Administration, shall establish a grant program for the  
11 purposes of assisting eligible entities in providing training  
12 to the existing health care workforce of such entities.

13 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—In order to be eligible to  
14 receive a grant under this section, an entity shall be a  
15 rural hospital, rural health clinic, or community health  
16 center under section 330.

17 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to the purposes  
18 specified in section 797, grants awarded under this section  
19 may be used to provide trainee support with respect to  
20 childcare and transportation.

21 “(d) CONDITIONS.—As a condition on the receipt of  
22 a grant under this section, an eligible entity shall agree  
23 to—

24 “(1) limit enrollment in training provided pur-  
25 suant to this section to health care professionals who

1 are non-physician clinicians and health care support  
2 staff; and

3 “(2) require trainees to serve, as a condition on  
4 support received through the grant, a period of obli-  
5 gated service at the eligible entity of not less than  
6 5 years, beginning on the date on which the trainee  
7 first receives the training referred to in subsection  
8 (a).

9 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 10 years after the date  
10 on which the first grant is awarded under this section,  
11 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit  
12 to the Congress a report assessing the impact of grants  
13 awarded under this section on health care workforce reten-  
14 tion at eligible entities.

15 “(f) TRAINEE DEFINED.—For purposes of this sec-  
16 tion, the term ‘trainee’ means an individual that is a mem-  
17 ber of an eligible entity’s existing workforce that is receiv-  
18 ing training. Such term does not include students.

19 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
21 \$100,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022 through  
22 2032.”.