

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5583

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs to strengthen the health care workforce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2021

Mr. CURTIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Helping Enable Access
5 to Lifesaving Services Act” or the “HEALS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS TO**
7 **STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH CARE WORK-**
8 **FORCE.**

9 (a) MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION
10 AND TRAINING GRANTS.—Section 756(f) of the Public

1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294e–1(f)) is amended by
2 striking “For each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and
3 inserting “For each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026”.

4 (b) TRAINING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section
5 760(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
6 294k(g)) is amended by striking “for each of fiscal years
7 2018 through 2022” and inserting “for each of fiscal
8 years 2022 through 2026”.

9 (c) MINORITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Section
10 597(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
11 290ll(c)) is amended by striking “\$12,669,000 for each
12 of fiscal years 2018 through 2022” and inserting
13 “\$12,669,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2026”.

14 (d) LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR HEALTH PROFES-
15 SIONAL VOLUNTEERS AT COMMUNITY HEALTH CEN-
16 TERS.—Section 224(q)(6) of the Public Health Service
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 233(q)(6)) is amended by striking “Octo-
18 ber 1, 2022” and inserting “October 1, 2026”.

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