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H. R. 3671

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to teaching health centers that operate graduate medical education programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021

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

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 “Doctors of Community
5 Act” or the “DOC Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM OF PAYMENTS TO**
2 **TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE**
3 **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PRO-**
4 **GRAMS.**

5 Section 340H(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42
6 U.S.C. 256H(g)) is amended—

7 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,
10 there are appropriated, to remain available until ex-
11 pended, such sums as may be necessary, not to ex-
12 ceed—

13 “(A) \$230,000,000, for the period of fiscal
14 years 2011 through 2015;

15 “(B) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2016 and 2017;

17 “(C) \$126,500,000 for each of fiscal years
18 2018 through 2023;

19 “(D) \$554,400,000 for fiscal year 2024;

20 “(E) \$571,200,000 for fiscal year 2025;

21 “(F) \$588,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

22 “(G) \$604,800,000 for fiscal year 2027;

23 “(H) \$621,600,000 for fiscal year 2028;

24 “(I) \$638,400,000 for fiscal year 2029;

25 “(J) \$655,200,000 for fiscal year 2030;

26 “(K) \$672,000,000 for fiscal year 2031;

1 “(L) \$688,800,000 for fiscal year 2032;

2 “(M) \$729,200,000 for fiscal year 2033;

3 and

4 “(N) for fiscal year 2034 and each fiscal
5 year thereafter, the dollar amount applicable
6 under this paragraph for the preceding fiscal
7 year, adjusted in accordance with paragraph
8 (3).”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—For pur-
11 poses of paragraph (1)(N), the dollar amount appli-
12 cable under paragraph (1) for fiscal years beginning
13 after fiscal year 2033 shall be equal to the dollar
14 amount applicable for the preceding fiscal year, in-
15 creased by the percentage increase in the medical
16 care component of the consumer price index for all
17 urban consumers (U.S. city average), as such per-
18 centage increase is estimated by the Secretary for
19 the 12-month period ending with March of the pre-
20 vious year.”.

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