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H. R. 7289

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an advisory committee on training in community health centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas 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 “Community Health
5 Workforce Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN COMMU-**
7 **NITY HEALTH CENTERS.**

8 The Public Health Service Act is amended by insert-
9 ing after section 749 (42 U.S.C. 293l) the following:

1 **“SEC. 749–1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN COM-**
2 **MUNITY HEALTH CENTERS.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
4 lish an advisory committee, to be known as the Advisory
5 Committee on Training in Community Health Centers (in
6 this section referred to as the ‘Advisory Committee’).

7 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee
9 shall be composed of 15 members (not including the
10 non-voting representatives of Federal agencies ap-
11 pointed under paragraph (7)), to be appointed by
12 the Secretary.

13 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to serve as a
14 member of the Advisory Committee, an individual
15 may not be an officer or employee of the Federal
16 Government.

17 “(3) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Not later than
18 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
19 Secretary shall appoint the initial members of the
20 Advisory Committee.

21 “(4) TERMS.—A member of the Advisory Com-
22 mittee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, ex-
23 cept as provided in paragraph (5)(B), and except
24 that of the members initially appointed under para-
25 graph (3)—

1 “(A) one-third of such members shall be
2 appointed for a term of 1 year;

3 “(B) one-third of such members shall be
4 appointed for a term of 2 years; and

5 “(C) one-third of such members shall be
6 appointed for a term of 3 years.

7 “(5) VACANCIES.—

8 “(A) SAME MANNER AS ORIGINAL AP-
9 POINTMENT.—The Secretary shall fill a vacancy
10 on the Advisory Committee in the same manner
11 in which the original appointment was made.

12 “(B) FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM.—In the
13 case of a vacancy arising before the completion
14 of the term of the departing member, the Sec-
15 retary shall appoint an individual to serve for
16 the remainder of the unexpired term. Such indi-
17 vidual shall meet the same eligibility require-
18 ments as any other member of the Advisory
19 Committee.

20 “(6) BALANCE; MINORITY REPRESENTATION.—

21 In appointing members of the Advisory Committee,
22 the Secretary shall ensure—

23 “(A) that at least 75 percent of the mem-
24 bers of the Advisory Committee have experience
25 working as health professionals;

1 “(B) that at least 1 member of the Advi-
 2 sory Committee be a patient of a community
 3 health center at the time of such member’s ap-
 4 pointment (including an appointment to a suc-
 5 cessive term);

6 “(C) that the members of the Advisory
 7 Committee represent a fair balance of health
 8 professions; and

9 “(D) that the members of the Advisory
 10 Committee have broad geographic representa-
 11 tion and a balance between urban and rural
 12 members.

13 “(7) NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES OF FED-
 14 ERAL AGENCIES.—

15 “(A) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary may
 16 appoint to the Advisory Committee such num-
 17 ber of non-voting representatives of Federal
 18 agencies as the Secretary determines appro-
 19 priate. Such non-voting representatives may in-
 20 clude the following:

21 “(i) The Assistant Secretary for
 22 Health.

23 “(ii) The Administrator of the Centers
 24 for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

1 “(iii) The Administrator of the Health
2 Resources and Services Administration.

3 “(iv) The Director of the Division of
4 the National Health Service Corps of the
5 Health Resources and Services Administra-
6 tion.

7 “(v) Members of the Council on Grad-
8 uate Medical Education of the Health Re-
9 sources and Services Administration.

10 “(vi) The Chief Medical Officer of the
11 Veterans Health Administration.

12 “(B) PAY.—A non-voting representative
13 appointed under subparagraph (A) may not re-
14 ceive additional pay, allowances, or benefits by
15 reason of the non-voting representative’s service
16 on the Advisory Committee.

17 “(c) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall—

18 “(1) provide advice and recommendations to the
19 Secretary concerning policy and program develop-
20 ment and other matters of significance concerning
21 training activities in community health centers;

22 “(2) develop, publish, and implement perform-
23 ance measures for programs under this part; and

1 “(3) develop and publish guidelines for longitu-
2 dinal evaluations (as described in section 761(d)(2))
3 for programs under this part.

4 “(d) MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS.—

5 “(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee
6 shall meet not less than 2 times each year. Such
7 meetings shall be held jointly with other related enti-
8 ties established under this title where appropriate.

9 “(2) DOCUMENTS.—Not later than 14 days
10 prior to the convening of a meeting under paragraph
11 (1), the Advisory Committee shall prepare and make
12 publicly available an agenda of the matters to be
13 considered by the Advisory Committee at such meet-
14 ing. At any such meeting, the Advisory Committee
15 shall distribute materials with respect to the issues
16 to be addressed at the meeting. Not later than 30
17 days after the adjourning of such a meeting, the Ad-
18 visory Committee shall prepare and make publicly
19 available a summary of the meeting and any actions
20 taken by the Advisory Committee based upon the
21 meeting.

22 “(e) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—

23 “(1) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the
24 Advisory Committee (not including the non-voting
25 representatives of Federal agencies appointed under

1 subsection (b)(7)) shall be compensated at a rate
2 equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
3 basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive
4 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
5 States Code, for each day (including travel time)
6 during which such member is engaged in the per-
7 formance of the duties of the Advisory Committee.

8 “(2) EXPENSES.—The members of the Advisory
9 Committee (not including the non-voting representa-
10 tives of Federal agencies appointed under subsection
11 (b)(7)) shall be allowed travel expenses, including
12 per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
13 for employees of agencies under subchapter I of
14 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while
15 away from their homes or regular places of business
16 in the performance of services for the Advisory Com-
17 mittee.

18 “(f) FACA APPLICATION.—Chapter 10 of title 5,
19 United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Federal
20 Advisory Committee Act’), shall apply to the Advisory
21 Committee under this section only to the extent that the
22 provisions of such chapter 10 do not conflict with the re-
23 quirements of this section. Section 1013(a)(2) of such
24 chapter 10 (relating to the termination of advisory com-
25 mittees) shall not apply to the Advisory Committee.

1 “(g) CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
3 after the date of enactment of this section, and an-
4 nually thereafter, the Advisory Committee shall pre-
5 pare and submit to the Secretary and the appro-
6 priate congressional committees, and make publicly
7 available, a report describing the activities of the
8 Advisory Committee, which shall include—

9 “(A) findings and recommendations of the
10 Advisory Committee concerning training activi-
11 ties in community health centers; and

12 “(B) recommendations of the Advisory
13 Committee on amounts to be appropriated.

14 “(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘ap-
16 propriate congressional committees’ means each of
17 the following:

18 “(A) The Committee on Energy and Com-
19 merce of the House of Representatives.

20 “(B) The Committee on Health, Edu-
21 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.”.

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