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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Title VIII Nursing
5 Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVANCED NURSING EDUCATION GRANTS.**

7 Section 811 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 296j) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “pro-
 2 grams.” and inserting the following: “programs, in-
 3 cluding individuals enrolled in—

4 “(A) authorized nurse practitioner pro-
 5 grams described in subsection (c);

6 “(B) authorized nurse-midwifery programs
 7 described in subsection (d);

8 “(C) authorized nurse anesthesia programs
 9 described in subsection (e); and

10 “(D) authorized clinical nurse specialist
 11 programs described in subsection (f).”;

12 (2) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “mid-
 14 wives” and inserting “nurse-midwives”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Amer-
 16 ican College of Nurse-Midwives”; and

17 (3) in subsection (h)(1)(A), by striking “fees”
 18 and inserting “fees, including costs for clinical edu-
 19 cation and preceptors,”.

20 **SEC. 3. STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR NURSE EDU-**
 21 **CATION AND PRACTICE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of title VIII of the Public
 23 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p et seq.) is amended—

24 (1) in the part heading, by striking “**BASIC**”;
 25 and

1 (2) in section 831 (42 U.S.C. 296p)—

2 (A) in subsection (a)—

3 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “or”
4 after the semicolon;

5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking
6 “methodologies.” and inserting “meth-
7 odologies, audiovisual or other equipment,
8 simulation and augmented reality re-
9 sources, telehealth technologies, and virtual
10 and physical laboratories; or”; and

11 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(3) increasing the number of faculty and stu-
14 dents at schools of nursing in order to address nurs-
15 ing workforce shortages.”; and

16 (B) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “and
18 survivors of domestic violence” and insert-
19 ing “survivors of domestic violence, and
20 survivors of sexual assault”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “or”
22 after the semicolon;

23 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking the
24 period and inserting “; or”; and

1 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(5) partnering with a health care facility,
4 nurse-managed health clinic, community health cen-
5 ter, or other facility that provides health care in
6 order to provide education opportunities for the pur-
7 pose of establishing or expanding clinical edu-
8 cation.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
10 806(f)(2)(C) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
11 296e(f)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “basic”.

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 Section 871 of the Public Health Service Act (42
14 U.S.C. 298d) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by striking
16 “\$137,837,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through
17 2025” and inserting “\$184,337,000 for each of fis-
18 cal years 2026 through 2030”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b), by striking
20 “\$117,135,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021
21 through 2025” and inserting “\$121,135,000 for
22 each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

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