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AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the bill by replacing budget gimmicks with offset mandatory spending.

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S. 2840

To improve access to and the quality of primary health care, expand the health workforce, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 On page 18, line 13, insert “and under sections 204,
2 205, and 206” after “this title”.

3 On page 27, strike line 23 and all that follows
4 through page 30, line 18, and insert the following:

5 “(6) FUNDING FOR PRIMARY CARE PHYSI-
6 CIANS.—For purposes of carrying out this sub-
7 section, there is appropriated, out of any money in
8 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Sec-
9 retary \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2024, to remain
10 available through fiscal year 2026.

1 “(7) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than Sep-
2 tember 30, 2025, and September 30, 2026, the Sec-
3 retary shall submit to the Committee on Health,
4 Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee
5 on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee
6 on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on
7 Appropriations of the House of Representatives a re-
8 port describing the use of funds provided under
9 paragraph (6).

10 “(8) SUNSET.—This subsection shall expire on
11 September 30, 2026.”

12 On page 33, strike line 12 and all that follows
13 through page 36, line 9, and insert the following:

14 “(5) FUNDING FOR THE NURSING WORK-
15 FORCE.—For purposes of carrying out this sub-
16 section, there is appropriated, out of any funds in
17 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Sec-
18 retary \$240,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
19 through 2028, to remain available until September
20 30, 2028.

21 “(6) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than Sep-
22 tember 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter
23 through fiscal year 2028, the Secretary shall submit
24 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

1 Pensions and the Committee on Appropriations of
2 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Com-
3 merce and the Committee on Appropriations of the
4 House of Representatives a report describing the use
5 of funds provided under paragraph (5).

6 “(7) SUNSET.—This subsection shall expire on
7 September 30, 2028.”

8 On page 36, strike line 23 and all that follows
9 through page 39, line 24, and insert the following:

10 “(2) FUNDING FOR NURSE FACULTY.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to
12 amounts authorized under paragraph (1), there
13 is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treas-
14 ury not otherwise appropriated, to the Sec-
15 retary \$57,000,000 for each of fiscal years
16 2024 through 2026, to remain available until
17 September 30, 2026, for purposes of carrying
18 out this section.

19 “(B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than
20 September 30, 2025, and September 30, 2026,
21 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
22 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and
23 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
24 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce

1 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
2 House of Representatives a report describing
3 the use of funds provided under subparagraph
4 (A).

5 “(C) SUNSET.—This paragraph shall ex-
6 pire on September 30, 2026.”.

7 At the end, add the following:

8 **SEC. 305. OFFSETS FOR NEW MANDATORY FUNDING**
9 **STREAMS.**

10 (a) **AGGREGATE LIMIT FOR FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS**
11 **LOAN BORROWERS.**—Section 455(a) of the Higher Edu-
12 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(a)) is amended by
13 adding at the end the following:

14 “(4) **AGGREGATE LIMIT FOR FEDERAL DIRECT**
15 **PLUS LOAN BORROWERS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024.**—

16 “(A) **AGGREGATE LIMIT BEGINNING JULY**
17 **1, 2024.**—Beginning on July 1, 2024, and not-
18 withstanding any provision of this part or part
19 B, the maximum aggregate amount of loans
20 under this part that a Federal Direct PLUS
21 Loan borrower may borrow shall not exceed
22 \$500,000.

23 “(B) **DEFINITION.**—In this paragraph, the
24 term ‘Federal Direct PLUS Loan borrower’

1 means an individual who has received 1 or more
2 Federal Direct Plus Loans.”.

3 (b) AGGREGATE ANNUAL EARNINGS LIMIT.—Section
4 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
5 1087e(m)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) INELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS BASED ON
7 AGGREGATE ANNUAL EARNINGS LIMIT BY ONE BOR-
8 ROWER BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024.—Beginning on
9 July 1, 2024, the maximum aggregate amount of in-
10 come earned from work that a borrower may earn
11 in a year to be eligible to participate in the repay-
12 ment plan under this subsection for such year is
13 \$400,000.”.