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To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine at historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions for the purpose of increasing enrollment of medical students.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

- To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine at historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions for the purpose of increasing enrollment of medical students.
 - 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 "Medical Graduate In-5 vestment Act of 2024".

1 SEC. 2. EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS.

2 Subpart 3 of part E of title VII of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295f et seq.) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following:

5 "SEC. 779. EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS.

6 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award 7 grants to eligible entities for the purpose of increasing en-8 rollment of medical students by at least 5 percent each 9 year as compared to the prior year. Grants awarded under 10 this section shall be used for tuition and student fees (ex-11 cluding living expenses), faculty recruitment and retention (with not more than 20 percent of the cost of salaries cov-12 13 ered by such grants), costs associated with equipment (including acquisition of equipment), and costs associated 14 with clinical training of medical students and preparing 15 16 and encouraging such students to serve as primary care physicians in medically underserved areas, including rural 17 18 areas, frontier areas, and jurisdictions of Indian Tribes 19 and Tribal organizations, after completing residency train-20 ing.

21 "(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
22 an award under this section, an entity shall—

23 "(1) be—

24 "(A) an accredited school of medicine or
25 osteopathic medicine at a minority-serving insti26 tution of higher education (defined as an insti-

1	tution described in any of paragraphs (1)
2	through (7) of section $371(a)$ of the Higher
3	Education Act of 1965); or
4	"(B) a minority-serving institution of high-
5	er education (defined as an institution described
6	in any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of section
7	371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965)
8	with plans to establish an accredited school of
9	medicine or osteopathic medicine, if such insti-
10	tution provides documentation of such plans, as
11	the Secretary may require; and
12	"(2) submit to the Secretary an application at
13	such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
14	formation as the Secretary may require, including
15	information on how the entity will sustain increased
16	enrollment of medical students following the expira-
17	tions of grant funds provided under this section.
18	"(c) DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.—
19	"(1) AWARD INCREMENTS.—The Secretary
20	shall award grants to eligible entities under this sec-
21	tion in such amounts as the Secretary determines
22	appropriate, and shall disburse each such grant
23	amount to each eligible entity receiving such an
24	award in 5 equal, annual increments.

1 "(2) Distribution among institutions.—Of 2 the amounts made available under subsection (f), the 3 Secretary shall award— "(A) at least 20 percent to accredited 4 5 schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine at 6 Historically Black colleges and universities (as 7 defined by the term 'part B institution' in sec-8 tion 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965); 9 and ["(B) at least 20 percent to accredited 10 11 schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine at 12 Tribal Colleges or Universities (as defined in 13 section 316 of the Higher Education Act of 14 1965), Alaska Native-serving institutions (as 15 defined in section 317(b) of the Higher Edu-16 cation Act of 1965), and Native Hawaiian-serv-17 ing institutions (as defined in section 317(b) of 18 the Higher Education Act of 1965). 19 "(3) EVALUATION.—The Secretary may reserve not more than [.5 percent of amounts made available under subsection (f) to evaluate the results of

not more than [.5 percent of amounts made available under subsection (f)] to evaluate the results of the program under this section during and after the grant period, including the number of new medical students enrolled, such students' progression to participate in an accredited internship or medical resiTAM24A85 Y9M

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dency program, [and rates of passing the United
 States Medical Licensing Examination].

3 ("(d) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—In the case of an 4 eligible entity described in subsection (b)(1)(A) or a med-5 ical or osteopathic school of an eligible entity described in subsection (b)(1)(B) that has an endowment that is 6 7 greater than \$500,000,000 and that receives an award 8 under this section, the Secretary shall require such eligible 9 entity to provide non-Federal matching funds for each 10 year of the grant period, which may be in cash or in-kind, in an amount equal to 25 percent of the total amount of 11 12 funds awarded under this section for the applicable year. 13 "(e) REPORTING.—

14 "(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY REPORTING.—

15 "(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity 16 receiving a grant under this section shall sub-17 mit a report to the Secretary, annually for the 18 duration of the grant period, on activities con-19 ducted under such grant, including information 20 on the number of new students enrolled, faculty 21 supported, how funds under such grant were 22 used, plans for continuation of the activities in 23 the next budget period, and other information, 24 as the Secretary may require.

1	"(B) CONTENTS.—Each report under sub-
2	paragraph (A) shall include—
3	"(i) an overview of activities con-
4	ducted under such grant;
5	"(ii) the educational progress of stu-
6	dents supported by such funds, including
7	the number of new students enrolled in the
8	applicable medical or osteopathic school
9	per year (including the number of students
10	from racial and ethnic groups underrep-
11	resented among medical students and
12	health professions, students who were Pell
13	Grant recipients, and first-generation col-
14	lege students);
15	"(iii) plans for continuation of the ac-
16	tivities in the next fiscal year; and
17	"(iv) any other information the Sec-
18	retary may require.
19	"(2) Reports to congress.—Not later than
20	2 years after the date of enactment of this section,
21	the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
22	Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
23	ate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
24	the House of Representatives a report that provides
25	an assessment of the effectiveness of the activities

associated with grants made under this section and
 a summary of outcomes and best practices and rec ommendations on the recruitment and retention of
 medical students.

5 "(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
6 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro7 priated \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through
8 2030, to remain available until expended.

9 "(g) NON-DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—The Sec-10 retary shall ensure that activities carried out under this 11 section do not unnecessarily duplicate efforts of any other 12 Federal program.".