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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPs (for herself and Mr. JOYCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 2015”.

SEC. 2. SUPPORTING CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS.

(a) ADVANCED EDUCATION NURSING GRANTS.—Section 811 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296j) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “clinical nurse leaders,” before “or public health nurses”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

“(f) AUTHORIZED CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAMS.—Clinical nurse specialist programs eligible for support under this section are education programs that—

“(1) provide registered nurses with full-time clinical nurse specialist education; and

“(2) have as their objective the education of clinical nurse specialists who will upon completion of such a program be qualified to effectively provide care through the wellness and illness continuum to inpatients and outpatients experiencing acute and chronic illness.”.

(b) DEFINITION OF NURSE-MANAGED CLINIC.—Section 801 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296) is amended by adding at the end the following:
“(18) Nurse-managed health clinic.—The term ‘nurse-managed health clinic’ has the meaning given to such term in section 330A–1.”.

(c) National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice.—Section 851(b)(1)(A)(iv) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297t) is amended by striking “and nurse anesthetists” and inserting “nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists”.

SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR NURSING PROGRAMS.

(a) In General.—Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in subsection (i)(1) of section 846 (42 U.S.C. 297n; loan repayment and scholarship programs), by striking “2003 through 2007” and inserting “2016 through 2020”;  

(2) in subsection (f) of section 846A (42 U.S.C. 297n–1; nurse faculty loan program), by striking “2010 through 2014” and inserting “2016 through 2020”;  

(3) in subsection (e) of section 865 (42 U.S.C. 298; comprehensive geriatric education), by striking “2010 through 2014” and inserting “2016 through 2020”; and
(4) in section 871 (42 U.S.C. 298d; funding for carrying out parts B, C, and D), by striking “$338,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2016” and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2016 through 2020”.

(b) CONFORMING CHANGES.—

(1) Section 831 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p) is amended—

(A) in subsection (g), by striking “,” and inserting “,”; and

(B) by striking subsection (h).

(2) Section 831A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296p–1) is amended by striking subsection (g).