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To address maternity care shortages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding educational opportunities for midwives, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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maternity outcomes by expanding educational opportuni-
ties for midwives, and for other purposes.

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 “Midwives for Maxi-
5 mizing Optimal Maternity Services Act of 2025” or the
6 “Midwives for MOMS Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. MIDWIFERY SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Public Health
3 Service Act is amended by inserting after section 760 of
4 such Act (42 U.S.C. 294k) the following:

5 **“SEC. 760A. MIDWIFERY SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
7 to institutions of higher education (as defined in sub-
8 sections (a) and (b) of section 101 of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965) for the following:

10 “(1) Direct support of students in an accredited
11 midwifery school or program.

12 “(2) Establishment or expansion of an accred-
13 ited midwifery school or program.

14 “(3) Securing, preparing, or providing support
15 for increasing the number of, qualified preceptors
16 for training the students of an accredited midwifery
17 school or program.

18 “(b) PRIORITY EVALUATION.—In awarding grants
19 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give precedence
20 to any institution of higher education that—

21 “(1) agrees to prioritize students who plan to
22 practice in a health professional shortage area des-
23 ignated under section 332; and

24 “(2) demonstrates a focus on recruitment and
25 retention of students from rural and economically
26 disadvantaged communities through—

1 “(A) enhanced recruitment strategies;

2 “(B) mentorship programs;

3 “(C) academic remediation; or

4 “(D) internships and fellowships.

5 “(c) RESTRICTION.—The Secretary shall not provide
6 any assistance under this section to be used with respect
7 to a midwifery school or program within a school of nurs-
8 ing (as defined in section 801).

9 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
11 appropriated to carry out this section \$15,000,000
12 for the period of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

13 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts made
14 available to carry out this section for any fiscal year,
15 the Secretary shall use—

16 “(A) 50 percent for subsection (a)(1);

17 “(B) 25 percent for subsection (a)(2); and

18 “(C) 25 percent for subsection (a)(3).”.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—

20 (1) MIDWIFERY SCHOOL OR PROGRAM.—Sec-
21 tion 799B(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 295p(1)(A)) is amended—

23 (A) by inserting “‘midwifery school or pro-
24 gram’,” before “and ‘school of chiropractic’”;

1 (B) by inserting “a degree or certificate in
2 midwifery or an equivalent degree or certifi-
3 cate,” before “and a degree of doctor of chiro-
4 practic or an equivalent degree”; and

5 (C) by striking “any such school” and in-
6 serting “any such school or program”.

7 (2) ACCREDITED.—Section 799B(1)(E) of the
8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295p(1)(E)) is
9 amended by inserting “a midwifery school or pro-
10 gram,” before “or a graduate program in health ad-
11 ministration”.

12 **SEC. 3. NURSE-MIDWIVES.**

13 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act is amend-
14 ed by inserting after section 811 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
15 296j) the following:

16 **“SEC. 812. MIDWIFERY EXPANSION PROGRAM.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
18 to schools of nursing for the following:

19 “(1) Direct support of students in an accredited
20 nurse-midwifery school or program.

21 “(2) Establishment or expansion of an accred-
22 ited nurse-midwifery school or program.

23 “(3) Securing, preparing, or providing support
24 for increasing the numbers of, preceptors at clinical

1 training sites to precept students training to become
2 certified nurse-midwives.

3 “(b) PRIORITY EVALUATION.—In awarding grants
4 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give precedence
5 to any school of nursing that—

6 “(1) agrees to prioritize students who choose to
7 pursue an advanced education degree in nurse-mid-
8 wifery to practice in a health professional shortage
9 area designated under section 332; and

10 “(2) demonstrates a focus on recruitment and
11 retention of students from rural and economically
12 disadvantaged communities through—

13 “(A) enhanced recruitment strategies;

14 “(B) mentorship programs;

15 “(C) academic remediation; or

16 “(D) internships and fellowships.

17 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,
19 there is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000
20 for the period of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

21 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts made
22 available to carry out this section for any fiscal year,
23 the Secretary shall use—

24 “(A) 50 percent for subsection (a)(1);

25 “(B) 25 percent for subsection (a)(2); and

1 “(C) 25 percent for subsection (a)(3).”.