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H. R. 3868

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to enroll civilians, under certain circumstances, in the physician assistant training program conducted at the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 1994

Mr. TEJEDA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ADMISSION OF CIVILIANS AS STUDENTS IN THE**
2 **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM**
3 **OF THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.**

4 (a) CIVILIAN ATTENDANCE.—(1) Chapter 407 of title
5 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 4416. Academy of Health Sciences: admission of ci-**
8 **vilians in the physician assistant training**
9 **program**

10 “(a) RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH COLLEGES.—
11 The Secretary of the Army may enter into an agreement
12 with an accredited institution of higher education under
13 which students of the institution may attend the physician
14 assistant training program conducted by the Army Medi-
15 cal Department at the Academy of Health Sciences at
16 Fort Sam Houston, Texas, during the didactic portion of
17 the program. In exchange for the admission of such stu-
18 dents, the institution of higher education shall agree to
19 provide such academic services as the Secretary and the
20 institution consider to be appropriate to support the physi-
21 cian assistant training program at the Academy.

22 “(b) TUITION WAIVER.—Instruction provided at the
23 Academy to students pursuant to an agreement under
24 subsection (a) shall be provided on a tuition-free basis.

25 “(c) SELECTION OF STUDENTS.—Not more than 20
26 students at any one time may receive instruction at the

1 Academy pursuant to an agreement under subsection (a).
2 Attendance of such students in the physician assistant
3 training program at the Academy may not result in a de-
4 crease in the number of members of the armed forces en-
5 rolled in the program. In consultation with the institution
6 of higher education that is a party to the agreement, the
7 Secretary shall establish qualifications and methods of se-
8 lection for students to receive instruction at the Academy.
9 The qualifications established shall be comparable to those
10 generally required for admission to the physician assistant
11 training program at the Academy.

12 “(d) RULES OF ATTENDANCE.—Except as the Sec-
13 retary determines necessary, a student who receives in-
14 struction at the Academy pursuant to an agreement en-
15 tered into under subsection (a) shall be subject to the
16 same regulations governing attendance, discipline, dis-
17 charge, and dismissal as apply to other persons attending
18 the Academy.

19 “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Acad-
20 emy’ means the Academy of Health Sciences of the Army
21 Medical Department at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
24 at the end the following new item:

“4416. Academy of Health Sciences: admission of civilians in the physician as-
sistant training program.”.

