

1 **SEC. 1029. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INCREASED INCLUSION**
2 **OF UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES IN**
3 **CLINICAL TRIALS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that the National Institute
5 on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
6 should include within its strategic plan ways to increase
7 representation of underrepresented communities in clinical
8 trials.

9 **Subtitle C—Supporting Young**
10 **Emerging Scientists**

11 **SEC. 1041. IMPROVEMENT OF LOAN REPAYMENT PRO-**
12 **GRAMS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF**
13 **HEALTH.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part G of title IV of the Public
15 Health Service (42 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating the second section 487F
17 (42 U.S.C. 288–6; relating to pediatric research loan
18 repayment program) as section 487G; and

19 (2) by inserting after section 487G, as so reded-
20 icated, the following:

21 **“SEC. 487H. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

22 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a**
23 **program, based on workforce and scientific needs, of en-**
24 **tering into contracts with qualified health professionals**
25 **under which such health professionals agree to engage in**
26 **research in consideration of the Federal Government**

1 agreeing to pay, for each year of engaging in such re-
2 search, not more than \$50,000 of the principal and inter-
3 est of the educational loans of such health professionals.

4 “(b) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—Beginning with
5 respect to fiscal year 2017, the Secretary may increase
6 the maximum amount specified in subsection (a) by an
7 amount that is determined by the Secretary, on an annual
8 basis, to reflect inflation.

9 “(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not enter into
10 a contract with a health professional pursuant to sub-
11 section (a) unless such professional has a substantial
12 amount of educational loans relative to income.

13 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RE-
14 GARDING OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Except to the extent in-
15 consistent with this section, the provisions of sections
16 338B, 338C, and 338E shall apply to the program estab-
17 lished under this section to the same extent and in the
18 same manner as such provisions apply to the National
19 Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program estab-
20 lished under section 338B.

21 “(e) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Amounts
22 appropriated for a fiscal year for contracts under sub-
23 section (a) are authorized to remain available until the ex-
24 piration of the second fiscal year beginning after the fiscal
25 year for which the amounts were appropriated.”.

1 (b) UPDATE OF OTHER LOAN REPAYMENT PRO-
2 GRAMS.—

3 (1) Section 464z-5(a) of the Public Health
4 Service Act (42 U.S.C.285t-2(a)) is amended—

5 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
6 “\$50,000”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
9 apply with respect to the maximum amount
10 specified in this subsection in the same manner
11 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
12 in subsection (a) of such section.”.

13 (2) Section 487A(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
14 288-1(a)) is amended—

15 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
16 “\$50,000”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
18 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
19 apply with respect to the maximum amount
20 specified in this subsection in the same manner
21 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
22 in subsection (a) of such section.”.

23 (3) Section 487B(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
24 288-2(a)) is amended—

1 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
2 “\$50,000”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new
4 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
5 apply with respect to the maximum amount
6 specified in this subsection in the same manner
7 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
8 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

9 (4) Section 487C(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
10 288–3(a)(1)) is amended—

11 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
12 “\$50,000”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
15 apply with respect to the maximum amount
16 specified in this paragraph in the same manner
17 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
18 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

19 (5) Section 487E(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
20 288–5(a)(1)) is amended—

21 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
22 “\$50,000”; and

23 (B) by adding at the end the following new
24 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
25 apply with respect to the maximum amount

1 specified in this paragraph in the same manner
2 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
3 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

4 (6) Section 487F(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
5 288–5a(a)), as added by section 205 of Public Law
6 106–505, is amended—

7 (A) by striking “\$35,000” and inserting
8 “\$50,000”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following new
10 sentence: “Subsection (b) of section 487H shall
11 apply with respect to the maximum amount
12 specified in this subsection in the same manner
13 as it applies to the maximum amount specified
14 in such subsection (a) of such section.”.

15 (7) Section 487G of such Act (42 U.S.C. 288–
16 6, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1)), is further
17 amended—

18 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking
19 “\$35,000” and inserting “\$50,000”; and

20 (B) in subsection (b), by adding at the end
21 the following new sentence: “Subsection (b) of
22 section 487H shall apply with respect to the
23 maximum amount specified in subsection (a)(1)
24 in the same manner as it applies to the max-

1 imum amount specified in such subsection (a)
2 of such section.”.

3 **SEC. 1042. REPORT.**

4 Not later than 18 months after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Director of the National Institutes
6 of Health shall submit to Congress a report on efforts of
7 the National Institutes of Health to attract, retain, and
8 develop emerging scientists.

9 **Subtitle D—Capstone Grant**
10 **Program**

11 **SEC. 1061. CAPSTONE AWARD.**

12 Part G of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
14 the following:

15 **“SEC. 490. CAPSTONE AWARD.**

16 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may make awards
17 (each of which, hereafter in this section, referred to as
18 a ‘Capstone Award’) to support outstanding scientists who
19 have been funded by the National Institutes of Health.

20 “(b) **PURPOSE.**—Capstone Awards shall be made to
21 facilitate the successful transition or conclusion of re-
22 search programs, or for other purposes, as determined by
23 the Director of NIH, in consultation with the directors
24 of the national research institutes and national centers.