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Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S. 1874 and H.R. 3593)

The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) is a nonprofit organization representing registered nurses and other healthcare professionals at all levels of practice. ANNA members work in settings such as chronic kidney disease management, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

Background on the Issue

The Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act) help meet the nation's demand for nursing services by addressing all aspects of nursing education, practice, recruitment, and retention. Their focus is to address the needs of rural and underserved communities, where nursing care is critical to improving health. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the demand for Registered Nurses (RNs) will increase 6% by 2033, and the demand for Advanced Practice Nurses (APRNs) is expected to grow by 40%.

Sustained funding for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs including programs in Advanced Nursing Education; Nursing Workforce Diversity; Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention; Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship; Nurse Faculty Loan Program; and Comprehensive Geriatric Education, is how the U.S. ensures it is maintaining a robust and high quality nursing workforce that works for and with Americans to keep the nation safe and healthy.

Overview of the Issue

The *Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025* (S. 1874 and H.R. 3593) was introduced in the Senate on May 22, 2025, and in the House the following day. The Senate bill is led by Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Susan Collins (R-ME), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN). The House bill is sponsored by Representatives David Joyce (R-OH-14), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-01), Jennifer Kiggans (R-VA-02), and Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14). The bipartisan and bicameral legislation reauthorizes funding as outlined below for nursing workforce development programs including those related to the education and training of the American nursing workforce.

- Reauthorizing funding for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs through FY 2030.
- Supporting advanced education nursing by providing grants to nursing schools and other academic entities to enhance nursing education for those in master's and post master's programs.
- Supporting loan repayment and scholarship programs for nurses, allowing for increased participation in the nursing occupation by those who may be financially struggling.

Recommendation: ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the *Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2025* (S. 1874 and H.R. 3593).

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