

## HR 3943

Physician Assistant Education Public Health Initiatives Act of 2015

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**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Dec 8, 2015
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Sep 20, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 6, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Physician Assistant Education Public Health Initiatives Act of 2015**

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enter into contracts to repay the student loans of physician assistants who agree to serve as: (1) faculty members for physician assistant education programs; or (2) physician assistants in health professional shortage areas, in medically underserved areas, or at health centers serving medically underserved populations.

The bill extends through FY2021 programs that: (1) award grants to health professional schools to provide need-based scholarships, (2) repay the student loans of health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds who agree to serve as faculty members at health professional schools, (3) support fellowships to increase the number of underrepresented minority faculty members at health professional schools, and (4) award grants to health professional schools to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Support provided by HHS for the development, operation, expansion, and improvement of primary care training programs is revised and extended through FY2021.

HHS must award grants to nonprofit organizations to increase research on physician assistant education.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 5, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.