

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1761

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the inclusion of occupational therapists in the National Health Service Corps Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2015

Mr. TONKO (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Occupational Therapy
5 in Mental Health Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN NA-**
7 **TIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM.**

8 (a) INCLUSION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS.—
9 Section 331(a)(3)(E)(i) of the Public Health Service Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 254d(a)(3)(E)(i)) is amended by inserting
2 “subject to section 2(b)(2) of the Occupational Therapy
3 in Mental Health Act of 2015, occupational therapists,”
4 after “psychiatric nurse specialists,”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; CONTINGENT IMPLEMENTA-
6 TION.—

7 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subject to paragraph
8 (2), the amendment made by subsection (a) shall
9 apply beginning on October 1, 2015.

10 (2) CONTINGENT IMPLEMENTATION.—The
11 amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with
12 respect to obligations entered into for a fiscal year
13 after fiscal year 2015 only if the total amount made
14 available for the purpose of carrying out subparts II
15 and III of part D of title III of the Public Health
16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d et seq.) for such fiscal
17 year is greater than the total amount made available
18 for such purpose for fiscal year 2015.

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