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SEC. 766. PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTERS.

 (a) In General.--The Secretary may make grants or contracts for

 the operation of public health training centers.

 (b) Eligible Entities.--

 (1) In general.--A public health training center shall be

 an accredited school of public health, or another public or

 nonprofit private institution accredited for the provision of

 graduate or specialized training in public health, that plans,

 develops, operates, and evaluates projects that are in

 furtherance of the goals established by the Secretary for the

 year 2000 in the areas of preventive medicine, health promotion

 and disease prevention, or improving access to and quality of

 health services in medically underserved communities.

 (2) Preference.--In awarding grants or contracts under

 this section the Secretary shall give preference to accredited

 schools of public health.

 (c) Certain Requirements.--With respect to a public health

 training center, an award may not be made under subsection (a) unless

 the program agrees that it--

 (1) will establish or strengthen field placements for

 students in public or nonprofit private health agencies or

 organizations;

 (2) will involve faculty members and students in

 collaborative projects to enhance public health services to

 medically underserved communities;

 (3) will specifically designate a geographic area or

 medically underserved population to be served by the center that

 shall be in a location removed from the main location of the

 teaching facility of the school that is participating in the

 program with such center; and

 (4) will assess the health personnel needs of the area to

 be served by the center and assist in the planning and

 development of training programs to meet such needs.