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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.