The NLN Applauds House Passage of the Title VIII Workforce Reauthorization Act

Calls on the Senate to Advance the Bill

WASHINGTON (PRWEB) July 23, 2018 -- The National League for Nursing (NLN) applauds the House of Representatives for passage of H.R. 959, the Title VIII Workforce Reauthorization Act. H.R. 959 will provide education and training to nurses and nurse faculty to improve access to, and quality of, health care in underserved areas. H.R. 959 was introduced by Representative Dave Joyce (R-OH), along with original cosponsors, Representatives Doris Matsui (D-CA), Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), and Kathy Castor (D-FL) in 2017.

The changing landscape of patient care, driven by greater consumer engagement, practice-driven technologies, and virtual health care, provides a unique context for teaching and learning. Teaching with and about emerging technology is a fundamental curriculum component of nursing education. Providing nursing care in a highly technological, connected work environment is the future of nursing practice (NLN 2015).

G. Rumay Alexander, EdD, RN, FAAN, NLN president and professor and associate vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion/chief diversity officer at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, praised passage in the House, saying: "H.R. 959 will increase the number of nurses entering the workforce and provide support to nursing schools and institutions that educate future nurses to ensure the persistent and increasing demand for nursing care is met. This bill further ensures nurses will continue to provide, safe, high-quality, evidence-based care to patients in a variety of community settings, especially those living in rural and medically underserved communities."

The Title VIII Workforce Reauthorization Act is the NLN's highest legislative priority. NLN CEO Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN stated "Enactment of this legislation allows schools of nursing to continue to accept qualified candidates who may have otherwise been turned away. We applaud the House on passage of this important bill and encourage swift action from our colleagues in the Senate to advance the Title VIII Workforce Reauthorization Act."

The NLN will continue to work with our colleagues in the Senate to enact the Title VIII Workforce Reauthorization Act. To learn more about the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act, visit the NLN Advocacy Action Center.
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