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To provide for a study to determine the extent to which health professions schools provide adequate education to students on women's health conditions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY 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 "Equity in Health Pro-
5 fessions Education Act".

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY REGARDING CURRICULA OF HEALTH PRO-**
7 **FESIONS SCHOOLS AND WOMEN'S HEALTH**
8 **CONDITIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
10 Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the

1 Health Resources and Services Administration, shall con-
2 duct a study for the purpose of determining the extent
3 to which health professions schools provide adequate edu-
4 cation to students on women's health conditions. The Sec-
5 retary shall give priority in the study to schools of medi-
6 cine and osteopathic medicine.

7 (b) CONSULTATIONS.—The Secretary shall carry out
8 subsection (a) in consultation with the Director of the Of-
9 fice of Research on Women's Health and the Director of
10 the Office of Women's Health.

11 (c) CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—In conducting
12 the study under subsection (a), the Secretary—

13 (1) shall assess the content of the educational
14 programs of health professions schools with respect
15 to women's health conditions, including the content
16 of programs providing clinical training; and

17 (2) shall, if the Secretary determines that the
18 extent of education on such conditions is inadequate,
19 determine the extent to which such inadequacy is af-
20 fecting the health of women.

21 (d) COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PUBLIC
22 AND PRIVATE ENTITIES.—In carrying out subsection (a),
23 the Secretary shall consider the comments and rec-
24 ommendations of public and private entities regarding the
25 study under such subsection, including representatives of

1 health professions schools and representatives of organiza-
2 tions concerned with women's health conditions.

3 (e) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 1995, the Sec-
4 retary shall complete the study required in subsection (a)
5 and submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
6 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
7 Representatives, and to the Committee on Labor and
8 Human Resources and the Committee on Appropriations
9 of the Senate, a report describing the findings made as
10 a result of the study and containing any recommendations
11 of the Secretary regarding such findings, including rec-
12 ommendations regarding the accreditation of health pro-
13 fessions schools and the licensure of health professionals.

14 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

15 (1) The term “health professions schools”
16 means—

17 (A) the schools and programs defined in
18 section 799(1) of the Public Health Service Act
19 (other than schools of veterinary medicine); and

20 (B) schools of nursing, as defined in sec-
21 tion 853 of such Act.

22 (2) The term “Office of Research on Women's
23 Health” means the Office of Research on Women's
24 Health established within the Office of the Director
25 of the National Institutes of Health.

1 (3) The term “Office of Women’s Health”
2 means the Office of Women’s Health established
3 within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for
4 Health.

5 (4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
6 of Health and Human Services.

7 (5) The term “women’s health conditions” has
8 the meaning given such term in section 486 of the
9 Public Health Service Act.

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