

training allied health professions personnel, and project grants to develop, demonstrate, or evaluate curricula for the training of new types of health technologists. There has been 1 year of experience under the program.

Section 301(a).—This section would extend the allied health professions program for 1 year (through fiscal year 1970), authorizing such sums as may be necessary. This would make it possible to gain additional experience before proposing a major extension, since there has been only 1 year of experience.

Section 301(b).—This would clarify the provisions for projects to develop, demonstrate, or evaluate curricula for the training of new types of health technologists. It would make the following clarifying amendments to those provisions.

Section 301(b)(1).—At the present time only training centers for the allied health professions are eligible to apply for project support under this section. The bill would extend the present authority to include agencies, institutions, and organizations. Thus, institutions which do not qualify as training centers, but which have the competency to develop, demonstrate, or evaluate curricula, would be eligible to participate.

Section 301(b)(2).—This would make it clear that among the authorized purposes of the projects is the development, demonstration, or evaluation of curricula and methods of training health technologists. This would prevent an unduly restrictive interpretation limited only to curricula.

Section 301(b)(3).—This would delete the phrase "new types" as it relates to health technologists. Thus, projects to develop, demonstrate, or evaluate curricula and methods may be directed toward known types of health technologists as well as new types.

Section 301(c).—This would authorize a new section 797 of the Public Health Service Act.

This section would authorize the use of up to one-half of 1 percent of the amounts appropriated under the allied health professions training program for any fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 1970 for evaluation of the program.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING

Project grants for graduate training of schools of public health for professional public health personnel have made a significant contribution to the expansion and improvement of public and community health training throughout the country and in increasing the numbers of trained public health specialists so badly needed in today's society. It has made possible special innovative programs in schools of public health to provide them with the capacity to become balanced centers of public health training and major public health consultative and investigative resources for the Federal, State, and local governments.

Under the present law, the Secretary may make project grants to schools of public health, to other public or nonprofit institutions providing graduate or specialized training in public health, for the purpose of strengthening or expanding such public health training. The present law further provides for traineeships for graduate or specialized public health training for physicians, engineers, nurses, and other professional health personnel.