IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 1955

Mr. Fogarty introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To authorize a five-year program of grants for construction of medical and dental educational and research facilities.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 That this Act may be cited as the "Medical and Dental Educational Facilities Construction Act of 1955".

3 Sec. 2. The Public Health Service Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new title:

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TITLE VII—MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

"Sec. 701. The Congress hereby finds and declares that—

"(a) the health, both physical and mental, of the people of this country is of paramount concern to the national welfare;

"(b) the medical schools are responsible for the quality and number of physicians being educated today, including those preparing for general practice and the specialties, covering both physical and mental health, and are also responsible for the number of teachers and research workers through the education they provide for graduate students in the basic medical sciences, in clinical medicine, and in the other health sciences;

"(c) the dental schools are responsible for the quality and number of dentists, dental hygienists and qualified teachers and research workers in the dental sciences:

"(d) the Nation, through the Federal Government, industry, foundations, and the voluntary health agencies, expects our medical and dental schools to conduct urgently needed research which these various agencies are sponsoring;

"(e) accordingly, the welfare and particularly the
growth and development of our medical and dental
schools are matters of national concern worthy of bi-
partisan support;

"(f) although tuition fees have been substantially
increased, the income from this source represents only
a small portion of the costs of medical education and
further increases in tuition fees would create a major
economic barrier to the study of medicine;

"(g) despite contributions of many of our citizens
and the development of funds and foundations to en-
courage the medical profession, individuals, and industry
to participate in financing the basic operating expenses
of our medical schools, such schools have not been able
to obtain the necessary capital funds required for urgently
needed alteration, modernization, and construction;

"(h) student fees and other sources of income for
schools offering training in dentistry are not sufficient
to permit maintenance of present capacity on a sound
basis and provide for the desirable modernization and
expansion in enrollment; and

"(i) it is, therefore, the policy of the Congress to
provide funds for construction of educational and re-
search facilities for our accredited public and nonprofit
schools of medicine and dentistry, thus insuring the con-
tinued production of an adequate number of properly
qualified and trained physicians and dentists, teachers, and research scientists.

"DEFINITIONS

"Sec. 702. As used in this title—

"(a) The term 'construction' includes construction of new buildings, and expansion, remodeling, and alteration of existing buildings, including architect's fees in excess of amounts granted under section 704 (a) (3), but excluding the cost of off-site improvements and the cost of the acquisition of land;

"(b) The term 'nonprofit' means owned and operated by one or more nonprofit corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and

"(c) The terms 'accredited medical school' and 'accredited dental school' mean respectively a school providing training leading to the degree of doctor of medicine, or leading to a degree of doctor of dental surgery or an equivalent degree, approved or accredited by a recognized body or bodies approved by the Surgeon General after he has obtained the advice and recommendation of the Federal Council on Medical and Dental Educational Facilities created under section 703.
“COUNCIL ON MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

“SEC. 703. (a) There is hereby created a Federal Council on Medical and Dental Educational Facilities (hereinafter referred to as the 'Council') consisting of the Surgeon General, who shall serve as chairman ex officio, and twelve members appointed without regard to the civil-service laws by the Surgeon General with the approval of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. Six of the appointed members shall be selected from the general public and six shall be selected from among leading medical, dental, or scientific authorities who are skilled in the sciences related to health.

“(b) The Council shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to, the Surgeon General in connection with payments out of appropriations authorized by section 704 and on other matters relating to the administration of this title.

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 704. (a) To enable the Surgeon General to make grants upon the recommendation of the Council, to assist in the establishment of new public or nonprofit schools of medicine and dentistry and in the improvement and ex-
pansion of teaching and research facilities of existing ac-
ccredited public or nonprofit medical and dental schools to
carry out the purposes of section 701, there is hereby author-
ized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
1956, and for each of the four succeeding fiscal years—

"(1) $50,000,000 for grants to public and nonprofit
medical schools; and

" (2) $10,000,000 for grants to public and non-
profit dental schools.

No such grant shall be in excess of 50 per centum of the
cost of construction with respect to which it is made, except
that—

"(1) where the school gives satisfactory assurances
that the freshman enrollment will be increased by 5 per
centum of the 1954-55 freshman enrollment, the grant
shall be made in an amount equal to 66 2/3 per centum
of the cost of construction;

"(2) in the case of new schools, grants may be
made, upon recommendation of the national accrediting
agencies, in an amount not to exceed 66 2/3 of the total
cost of construction; and

"(3) upon application of any school, a grant of
not to exceed $25,000 may be made for the purpose of
preparing initial plans with estimates for the proposed
new construction.
(b) No grant or grants shall be made to any one school in excess of $3,000,000 for the total five-year program authorized in this section, exclusive of amounts granted under subsection (a) (3) of this section.

(c) Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available for the fiscal year in which appropriated and the two succeeding fiscal years.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (a) (2) of this section, payments from appropriations under this section may be made only in the case of accredited medical or dental schools.

APPLICATIONS BY SCHOOLS FOR GRANTS

Sec. 705. Any new or existing public or nonprofit medical or dental school desiring a grant under this title may file an application therefor with the Surgeon General for the fiscal year in which such grant is desired. Such application shall contain such information as the Surgeon General may by regulation prescribe and shall contain adequate assurances that the school will be operated as a public or nonprofit institution, and comply with all provisions of this title and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Sec. 706. (a) The Surgeon General, in accordance with regulations, and upon the recommendation of the Council, shall determine from time to time the amount to be
paid to each school from appropriations under section 704 and shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the amounts so determined. Upon receipt of any such certification, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, prior to audit or settlement by the General Accounting Office, pay in accordance with such certification.

"(b) Not to exceed 20 per centum of the amount of any grant for new construction may, at the discretion of the applicant, be allocated to permanent endowment for the cost of maintenance of the new facility.

"REGULATIONS

"Sec. 707. All regulations under this title with respect to payments to medical or dental schools shall be made only after obtaining the advice and recommendation of the Council.

"GENERAL PROVISIONS

"Sec. 708. Nothing in this title shall be construed as authorizing any department, agency, officer, or employee of the United States to exercise any control over, or prescribe any requirements with respect to, the curriculum or administration of any medical or dental school, or the admission of applicants thereto."
Sec. 3. The Act of July 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 682), as amended, is hereby further amended by changing the number of title VII to title VIII and by changing the numbers of sections 701 to 714, inclusive, and references thereto, to sections 801 to 814, respectively.