

A Bill to Provide Free Clinical Care in Medically Underserved Public School Districts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public school districts will be required to create school-based Pediatric Health Centers
3 located in at least one school in the district, including free-of-charge physical and
4 behavioral health services.

5 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

- 6 A. The Pediatric Health Care centers shall be categorized as a federally-qualified health
7 center (FQHCs), which receives grants from the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC).
8 B. Allows funding from Section 330 of the Department of Health Resources and Services
9 Administration's Public Health Service Act.
10 C. School districts shall be evaluated based on Federally Qualified Health Center Needs
11 Assessment Guides, including the Health Resources and Services Administration
12 (HRSA). A medically underserved district shall be defined as a school district located in
13 a geographic Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), with lack of access to primary
14 healthcare services, high infant mortality, adolescent pregnancy, low income, and
15 Medicaid-eligible rates.

16 **SECTION 3.** Pediatric Care would be free of charge for any student attending school in the medically
17 underserved district, regardless of legal and socioeconomic status, granting the following
18 benefits:

- 19 A. Comprehensive mental health screenings and pediatric checkups.
20 B. Immunizations, vaccinations, prescription refill consultations.
21 C. Confidential reproductive services including family planning, health education,
22 contraceptive resources, birth control evaluation.
23 D. Access and aid in joining insurance programs.
24 E. Confidential testing and aid with sexually transmitted diseases.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

26 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.