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H. J. RES. 316

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Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

JOINT RESOLUTION

Encouraging the expansion of teaching in the fields of speech and hearing through grants to certain institutions of higher education for the training of persons to equip them with special skills in such fields and for the acquisition of special equipment necessary for such training, and for other purposes.

Whereas a large segment of the population, both adults and children, suffer from hearing and speech defects creating medical, social, emotional, educational, and rehabilitation problems which are remediable in 80 per centum of the cases; and

Whereas hearing and speech disorders in children of school age have become a national problem requiring the immediate attention of educators, rehabilitation workers, physicians, hearing and speech professional personnel, and other para-

medical groups so that educational programs may become more effective and handicapped students will prepare themselves better for citizenship; and

Whereas additional training is needed to provide facilities for postgraduate training in hearing and speech to allied professions such as medicine, psychology, physics, vocational rehabilitation and education, and so forth; and

Whereas the most difficult and urgent need is the selection and training of professional personnel so that schools, clinics, and hearing and speech centers may be adequately staffed; and

Whereas it is desirable to make available funds with which to encourage and promote the postgraduate training of such professional personnel: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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DEFINITIONS

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SECTION 1. As used in this joint resolution—

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(1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of

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Health, Education, and Welfare;

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(2) The term “institution of higher education” means

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an educational institution in any State which (A) admits as

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regular students only persons having a certificate of gradua-

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tion from a school providing secondary education, or the rec-

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ognized equivalent of such a certificate, (B) is legally au-

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thorized within such State to provide a program of educa-

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tion beyond the secondary school level, (C) provides an

1 educational program for which it awards a bachelor's de-
2 gree, (D) is a public or other nonprofit institution, and (E)
3 is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency
4 or association which the Secretary determines to be reliable
5 authority as to the quality of training offered in such insti-
6 tution;

7 (3) The term "State" means a State, Hawaii, Puerto
8 Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Is-
9 lands;

10 (4) The term "speech pathology" means the diagnosis,
11 rehabilitation, and training of persons with speech disorders
12 and physical conditions impeding normal speech, including
13 but not limited to stuttering, aphasia, cerebral palsy, and
14 cleft palate;

15 (5) The term "audiology" means the diagnosis, reha-
16 bilitation, and training of persons who are deaf or suffer im-
17 pairment of hearing; and

18 (6) The term "Advisory Committee" means the Ad-
19 visory Committee established pursuant to section 4.

20 GRANTS

21 SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary shall make such grants, from
22 amounts appropriated pursuant to section 5 for each fiscal
23 year, as he may determine to institutions of higher education
24 selected by him with the advice of the Advisory Committee
25 which (1) offer a graduate training program leading to a

1 degree of master of arts, master of science, doctor of phi-
2 losophy, or doctor of science, or the equivalent of any such
3 degree in the field of speech pathology or audiology; (2)
4 have a department of speech pathology and audiology with
5 at least three faculty members with a degree of doctor of
6 philosophy or doctor of science or an equivalent degree in
7 the field of speech pathology or audiology or a related field
8 who teach graduate students enrolled in a program described
9 in clause (1); and (3) offer assurances acceptable to the
10 Secretary that any grants received under this section will be
11 used solely for one or more of the following purposes: (A)
12 to pay or supplement the salaries of faculty members teaching
13 graduate students enrolled in a program referred to in clause
14 (1), (B) to pay stipends to such students who are awarded
15 a fellowship or an assistantship in speech pathology or audi-
16 ology, (C) to acquire clinical equipment training aids, and
17 other equipment necessary for such a program, and (D) to
18 administer such a program.

19 (b) In making the grants provided for in subsection (a)
20 the Secretary shall give preference to institutions of higher
21 education meeting the conditions set forth in clauses (1)
22 through (3) of subsection (a) which offer their graduate
23 program in speech pathology or audiology in conjunction
24 with a medical school or a speech and hearing center.

STIPENDS

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2 SEC. 3. No persons shall be paid a stipend from amounts
3 appropriated pursuant to section 5 unless such person (1)
4 has previously been awarded a bachelor's degree or an
5 equivalent degree by an institution of higher education or
6 an educational institution located outside of any State which
7 is determined by the Secretary to be comparable to an insti-
8 tution of higher education, and (2) has been accepted as a
9 candidate for a graduate degree in hearing and speech in
10 an institution of higher education.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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12 SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary shall appoint, with the
13 approval of the President, an Advisory Committee, to advise
14 and consult with him with respect to the administration of
15 this Act and to perform such other functions as are spe-
16 cifically provided in this Act. Members of the Advisory
17 Committee shall be chosen from among educators, audiol-
18 ogists, speech pathologists, pediatricians, otolaryngologists,
19 physicians of public health, persons doing vocational re-
20 habilitation, and psychologists who are engaged in working
21 with speech or hearing disorders.

22 (b) Members of the Advisory Committee shall receive
23 no compensation, but while attending conferences or meet-
24 ings of the Advisory Committee and away from their homes

1 or regular places of business they may be allowed travel
2 expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as author-
3 ized by law for persons in the Government service em-
4 ployed intermittently (5 U.S.C. 73b-2).

5 (c) (1) Any member of the Advisory Committee is
6 hereby exempted, with respect to such membership, from
7 the operation of sections 281, 283, 284, and 1914 of title
8 18 of the United States Code and section 190 of the Revised
9 Statutes of the United States (5 U.S.C. 99), except as
10 otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

11 (2) The exemption provided for in paragraph (1) shall
12 not extend—

13 (A) to the receipt or payment of salary in con-
14 nection with the member's service on the Advisory
15 Committee from any source other than the private em-
16 ployer of the member at the time of his appointment to
17 the Advisory Committee; or

18 (B) during the period of such membership, and
19 the further period of two years after the termination
20 thereof, to the prosecution or participation in the prose-
21 cution, by any member of the Advisory Committee, of
22 any claim against the Government involving any matter
23 concerning which the member had any responsibility
24 arising out of membership on the Advisory Committee.

1 APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED

2 SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated
3 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959, and for each suc-
4 ceeding fiscal year such sums as the Congress may determine
5 to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

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