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WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 11, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today joined in sponsoring the Administration's Health Manpower Assistance Act of 1971. The bill would extend for three years the existing health professions and nurse education assistance authorities.

Dole stated, "Of equal significance, this legislation would expand and reform existing authorities. "This expansion and reform would enhance the financial security of the nation's medical schools and would allow these and other health education schools to increase their production of physicians and other medical personnel."

"This bill contains a number of innovative and far reaching provisions. Their enactment could substantially help in reducing or eliminating the serious health manpower shortage and maldistribution problem now facing the Nation."

Dole said he was pleased to see that this bill, along with the President's budgetary proposals for health manpower educational support, offers a number of opportunities which should assist the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

"The proposed \$6,000 capitation grant should provide approximately \$771,000 to the Kansas School of Medicine; a significant increase above the current level of formula support of \$269,000.

Dole said that provisions of the bill also enabled medical schools to develop and conduct education programming related to Health Maintenance Organizations.