

# **Doctors and Nurses (Developing Countries) Bill**

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 Requirement to report on doctors and nurses scheme

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a report on the merits of a scheme for the United Kingdom to pay to train two doctors or nurses in developing countries for each doctor or nurse recruited to the National Health Service from those countries. 5
- (2) The report must consider—
  - (a) the benefits that doctors and nurses recruited from developing countries provide to the National Health Service;
  - (b) the effects of that recruitment on the health systems of the home countries of those doctors and nurses; 10
  - (c) the cost of training an additional two doctors or nurses in developing countries for each doctor or nurse recruited to the National Health Service from those countries;
  - (d) the effects of such a measure on the health system of each developing country, including to medical professional to population ratios; 15
  - (e) the effects of such a measure on both the international standing of the United Kingdom and general international cooperation.
- (3) In preparing the report the Secretary of State must consult, with regard to the National Health Service—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers; 20
  - (b) the Welsh Ministers;
  - (c) the Department of Health in Northern Ireland.
- (4) The report must be laid before Parliament no later than the end of the period of 180 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

**2 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Doctors and Nurses (Developing Countries) Act 2021.

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