

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4843

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include student assistance to certain mental health professionals as community services under the Federal work-study program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2021

Ms. NEWMAN (for herself and Mr. MOOLENAAR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assisting School Men-
5 tal Health Professionals Through Work Study Act of
6 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY**
2 **SERVICES.**

3 Section 441(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1087–51(c)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after
6 the semicolon;

7 (2) in paragraph (4)(C), by striking the period
8 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(5) activities in which a student assists a men-
12 tal health professional with appropriate tasks (which
13 may include administrative assistance, but which
14 shall not include the direct provision of mental
15 health services by the student), provided that the
16 mental health professional—

17 “(A) is a school-based mental health serv-
18 ices provider (as such term is defined in section
19 4102(6) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
20 cation Act of 1965) of any preschool, Head
21 Start program, early childhood education pro-
22 gram, or elementary or secondary school that
23 serves community residents; or

1 “(B) is an overseer of a school-based men-
2 tal health services provider described in sub-
3 paragraph (A).”.

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