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H. R. 8180

To provide for increased authorization of funding to secure schools and improve access to mental health and crisis care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for increased authorization of funding to secure schools and improve access to mental health and crisis care.

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 “Undertaking Needed
5 Investments in Therapy, Education, and De-Escalation
6 Act of 2022”.

7 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

8 The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

- Sec. 3. Youth suicide prevention and early intervention grant programs.
- Sec. 4. Community services mental health services block grant programs.
- Sec. 5. Establishment of a National Center for Healing, Empowerment, Learning, and Prevention (HELP) through Behavioral Health.
- Sec. 6. Crisis care response and coordination.
- Sec. 7. Adult and youth grant programs for serious mental illnesses and emotional disturbances.
- Sec. 8. Lifeline call center program.
- Sec. 9. Extension of emergency telehealth services.
- Sec. 10. Pediatric mental health care access grants.

1 **SEC. 3. YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTER-**
 2 **VENTION GRANT PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER.—
 4 Section 520C(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 5 U.S.C. 290bb–34(c)) is amended by striking “\$5,988,000
 6 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022” and inserting
 7 “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through
 8 2027”.

9 (b) GARRETT LEE SMITH CAMPUS SUICIDE PREVEN-
 10 TION PROGRAM.—Section 520E–2(i) of the Public Health
 11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36b(i)) is amended by
 12 striking “2018 through 2022” and inserting “2023
 13 through 2027”.

14 (c) MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTREACH
 15 AND EDUCATION.—Section 549(f) of the Public Health
 16 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–4(f)) is amended by striking
 17 “\$1,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2018 through
 18 2022” and inserting “\$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years
 19 2023 through 2027”.

1 (d) GARRETT LEE SMITH STATE AND TRIBAL
2 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVEN-
3 TION GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 520E(m) of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36(m)) is amended
5 by striking “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018
6 through 2022” and inserting “\$50,000,000 for each of fis-
7 cal years 2023 through 2027”.

8 **SEC. 4. COMMUNITY SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
9 **BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS.**

10 Section 1920(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42
11 U.S.C. 300x–9(a)) is amended by striking “\$532,571,000
12 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022” and inserting
13 “\$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through
14 2027”.

15 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL CENTER FOR**
16 **HEALING, EMPOWERMENT, LEARNING, AND**
17 **PREVENTION (HELP) THROUGH BEHAVIORAL**
18 **HEALTH.**

19 Part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act
20 (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
21 the following:

1 **“Subpart XIII—Healing, Empowerment, Learning,**
2 **and Prevention Through Behavioral Health**
3 **“SEC. 340H. NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALING, EMPOWER-**
4 **MENT, LEARNING, AND PREVENTION**
5 **THROUGH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—For the purpose described
7 in subsection (b), the Administrator of the Health Re-
8 sources and Services Administration shall establish within
9 the Office of Rural Health Policy of the Health Resources
10 and Services Administration a national center (in this sec-
11 tion referred to as the ‘National Center’), to be known
12 as the National Center for Healing, Empowerment,
13 Learning, and Prevention through Behavioral Health.

14 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Center
15 shall be to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and per-
16 spectives among experts in medicine, behavioral health,
17 telementoring, telemedicine, telehealth, training and tech-
18 nical assistance, education, health promotion, culturally
19 competent community engagement, and implementation of
20 science necessary to rapidly implement behavioral health
21 services for community recovery.

22 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$10,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2023 through
25 2027.”.

1 **SEC. 6. CRISIS CARE RESPONSE AND COORDINATION.**

2 (a) STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE
3 SYSTEMS.—Section 520F of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 290bb–37) is amended to read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 520F. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY CRISIS RE-**
6 **SPONSE SYSTEMS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award com-
8 petitive grants to State and local governments, Indian
9 Tribes, and Tribal organizations to—

10 “(1) enhance community-based crisis response
11 systems; and

12 “(2) implement strategies that improve care co-
13 ordination, and referral to inpatient psychiatric fa-
14 cilities, crisis stabilization units, and residential com-
15 munity mental health and residential substance use
16 disorder treatment facilities, as appropriate, for
17 adults with a serious mental illness, children with a
18 serious emotional disturbance, or individuals with a
19 substance use disorder.

20 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant under
22 subsection (a), an entity shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary an application, at such time, in such manner,
24 and containing such information as the Secretary
25 may require.

1 “(2) COMMUNITY-BASED CRISIS RESPONSE
2 PLAN.—An application for a grant under subsection
3 (a) shall include a plan for—

4 “(A) promoting integration and coordina-
5 tion between local public and private entities
6 engaged in crisis response, which shall include
7 first responders, law enforcement, emergency
8 health care providers, primary care providers,
9 court systems, health care payers, social service
10 providers, and behavioral health providers;

11 “(B) developing memoranda of under-
12 standing with public and private entities to im-
13 plement crisis response services;

14 “(C) addressing gaps in community re-
15 sources for crisis intervention and prevention;

16 “(D) developing models for minimizing
17 hospital readmissions, including through appro-
18 priate discharge planning;

19 “(E) developing, maintaining, or enhancing
20 directories to collect, aggregate, and display in-
21 formation about local inpatient psychiatric fa-
22 cilities and crisis stabilization units, and resi-
23 dential community mental health and residen-
24 tial substance use disorder treatment facilities,
25 to facilitate the identification and designation of

1 such facilities and units for the temporary
2 treatment of individuals in mental or substance
3 use disorder crisis; and

4 “(F) including in such directories real-time
5 information about—

6 “(i) the number of available beds at
7 each facility or unit;

8 “(ii) the types of patients that may be
9 admitted to each facility or unit; and

10 “(iii) any other information necessary
11 to allow for the proper identification and
12 designation of appropriate facilities or
13 units for treatment of individuals in men-
14 tal or substance use disorder crisis.

15 “(c) EVALUATION.—An entity receiving a grant
16 under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary, at such
17 time, in such manner, and containing such information as
18 the Secretary may reasonably require, a report, including
19 an evaluation of the effects of such grant on—

20 “(1) local crisis response services and measures
21 for individuals receiving crisis planning and early
22 intervention supports;

23 “(2) individuals reporting improved functional
24 outcomes; and

1 “(3) individuals receiving regular followup care
2 following a crisis.

3 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$15,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2023 through
6 2027.”.

7 (b) MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING
8 GRANTS.—Section 520J(b)(7) of the Public Health Serv-
9 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–41(b)(7)) is amended by strik-
10 ing “\$14,693,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through
11 2022” and inserting “\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years
12 2023 through 2027”.

13 (c) MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION
14 AND TRAINING GRANTS.—Section 756(f) of the Public
15 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294e–1(f)) is amended by
16 striking “For each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and
17 inserting “For each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027”.

18 **SEC. 7. ADULT AND YOUTH GRANT PROGRAMS FOR SERI-**
19 **OUS MENTAL ILLNESSES AND EMOTIONAL**
20 **DISTURBANCES.**

21 (a) ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT GRANT
22 PROGRAM.—Section 520M(e)(1) of the Public Health
23 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–44(e)(1)) is amended by
24 striking “\$5,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2018

1 through 2022” and inserting “\$10,000,000 for each of fis-
 2 cal years 2023 through 2027”.

3 (b) COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
 4 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL
 5 DISTURBANCES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 565(f)(1) of the
 7 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ff–4(f)(1))
 8 is amended by striking “\$119,026,000 for each of
 9 fiscal years 2018 through 2022” and inserting
 10 “\$130,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through
 11 2027”.

12 (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 565(f)
 13 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ff–
 14 4(f)) is amended by moving the margin of paragraph
 15 (2) 2 ems to the right.

16 **SEC. 8. LIFELINE CALL CENTER PROGRAM.**

17 Part B of title V of the Public Health Service Act
 18 (42 U.S.C. 290bb et seq.) is amended by inserting after
 19 section 520E–4 (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36d) the following:

20 **“SEC. 520E–5. REGIONAL AND LOCAL LIFELINE CALL CEN-
 21 TER PROGRAM.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
 23 grants to crisis call centers—

24 “(1) to purchase or upgrade call center tech-
 25 nology;

1 “(2) to provide for training of call center staff;

2 “(3) to improve call center operations; and

3 “(4) for hiring of call center staff.

4 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘crisis
5 call center’ means a regional clinically managed crisis call
6 center that—

7 “(1) provides telephonic crisis intervention ca-
8 pabilities;

9 “(2) meets the National Suicide Prevention
10 Lifeline operational guidelines regarding suicide risk
11 assessment and engagement; and

12 “(3) offers air traffic control-quality coordina-
13 tion of crisis care in real-time.

14 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 \$560,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, to remain available
17 until expended.”.

18 **SEC. 9. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY TELEHEALTH SERV-**
19 **ICES.**

20 Section 1135(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1320b–5(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing new paragraph:

23 “(3) TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF TELEHEALTH
24 SERVICES FOLLOWING THE COVID–19 EMERGENCY
25 PERIOD.—Notwithstanding any other provision of

1 this section, a waiver or modification of require-
2 ments pursuant to subsection (b)(8) shall terminate
3 on the date that is 2 years after the last day of the
4 emergency period described in subsection
5 (g)(1)(B).”.

6 **SEC. 10. PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS**
7 **GRANTS.**

8 Section 330M of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 254c-19) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
12 paragraph (3);

13 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(2) SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS AND EMERGENCY
16 DEPARTMENTS.—In addition to the required activi-
17 ties specified in paragraph (1), a statewide or re-
18 gional network of pediatric mental health teams re-
19 ferred to in subsection (a), with respect to which a
20 grant under such subsection may be used, may pro-
21 vide support to schools and emergency depart-
22 ments.”; and

23 (C) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated,
24 by inserting “Such a team may include a devel-

1 opmental-behavioral pediatrician.” after “men-
2 tal health counselor.”;

3 (2) by striking subsection (g); and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(g) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
6 award grants or contracts to one or more eligible entities
7 (as defined by the Secretary) for the purposes of providing
8 technical assistance and evaluation support to grantees
9 under subsection (a).

10 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
11 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
12 priated—

13 “(1) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
14 through 2025; and

15 “(2) \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
16 through 2027.”.

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