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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 13, 2022

Mr. Kean (for himself) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “The Student Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS

- (a) The purpose of this Act is to promote good mental health and well-being among students in the United States.
- (b) The Congress finds that good mental health is essential to the success and well-being of students, and that schools play a critical role in promoting and supporting the mental health of their students.
- (c) The Congress also finds that many students face challenges and stressors that can impact their mental health, including academic pressure, bullying, and other forms of discrimination.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS

In this Act —

- (a) “School” means any public or private institution that provides elementary, secondary, or postsecondary education, including colleges and universities.
- (b) “Student” means any individual who is enrolled in a school.
- (c) “Mental health services” means services provided by qualified mental health professionals, including counseling, therapy, and other forms of support.

SEC. 4. PROMOTING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS

- (a) The Secretary of Education shall develop and disseminate best practices and guidelines for promoting good mental health and well-being among students in schools in full consultation with the Mental Health Services Administration and relevant experts and agencies .
- (b) The Secretary of Education shall provide grants to schools to support the implementation of these best practices and guidelines, including the provision of mental health services, training for school staff, and other activities that promote good mental health among students.
- (c) The Secretary of Education shall also provide grants to schools to support the development and implementation of programs and initiatives that address the mental health needs of students, including programs that focus on mental health education, prevention, and early intervention.

SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) Each school that receives a grant under this Act shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of Education detailing the activities and initiatives done to promote good mental health and well-being amongst students

SEC. 6. ENACTMENT.

- (a) The provisions of this Act shall come into force immediately upon passage.
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