

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Mental Health for Students Act of 2020

A bill

Section 1

This bill known as H.R. 2005 is also to be referred to as the Mental Health for Students act or M.H.S act.

Section 2

The purposes of this Act are to—

- (1) revise, increase funding for, and expand the scope of the Project AWARE State Educational Agency Grant Program carried out by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in order to provide access to more comprehensive school-based mental health services and supports;

- (2) provide for comprehensive staff development for school and community service personnel working in the school;
- (3) provide for comprehensive training to improve health and academic outcomes for children with, or at risk for, mental health disorders, for parents or guardians, siblings, and other family members of such children, and for concerned members of the community;
- (4) provide for comprehensive, universal, evidence-based screening to identify children and adolescents with potential mental health disorders or unmet emotional health needs;
- (5) recognize best practices for the delivery of mental health care in school-based settings, including school-based health centers;
- (6) provide for comprehensive training for parents or guardians, siblings, other family members, and concerned members of the community on behalf of children and adolescents experiencing mental health trauma, disorder, or disability; and
- (7) establish formal working relationships between health, human service, and educational entities that support the mental and emotional health of children and adolescents in the school setting.

Section 3

Mental Health Awareness Month that happens through the month of may will be taught to citizens by programs that specialize in mental health awareness in hopes of teaching citizens and students about getting help and helping people who seem in distress or are stressed.

Section 4

After the passing of this bill, there would be a grant of 110 million dollars that would be put in place for the next 10 years to be provided to the programs up in section 2.