

Union Calendar No. 658

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5623

[Report No. 118–797]

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide substance use and alcohol use disorder services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Ms. BALINT (for herself and Ms. TOKUDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 4, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. COSTA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. MOLINARO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. TRONE, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. PEREZ, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. UNDERWOOD

DECEMBER 4, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 21, 2023]

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 “Addressing Addiction*
5 *After Disasters Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. CRISIS COUNSELING ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.**

7 *Section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief*
8 *and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183) is amend-*
9 *ed—*

10 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

11 *(A) by inserting “, substance use, or alcohol*
12 *use” after “private mental health”; and*

13 *(B) by inserting “, substance use, and alco-*
14 *hol use” after “relieve mental health”; and*

15 *(2) in subsection (b) by inserting “, substance*
16 *use, or alcohol use” before “organization providing”.*

17 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON CHANGES TO APPLICATION.**

18 *Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment*
19 *of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency*
20 *Management Agency, in consultation with the Assistant*
21 *Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the Direc-*
22 *tor for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and State*
23 *alcohol and drug agencies, shall review, adjust, and report*
24 *to Congress any changes made to the application for assist-*
25 *ance under section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster*

1 *Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183) and*
2 *to any other relevant guidance documents to reflect the*
3 *amendments made by this Act.*

4 **SEC. 4. GAO REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

5 *The Comptroller General of the United States shall*
6 *conduct a review of the assistance provided under the crisis*
7 *counseling assistance and training program established*
8 *pursuant to section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster*
9 *Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183) and*
10 *submit to Congress a report describing—*

11 *(1) the duration of assistance provided to indi-*
12 *viduals under such program; and*

13 *(2) the compliance of the Administrator of the*
14 *Federal Emergency Management Agency with the re-*
15 *quirement that such assistance may only be used for*
16 *mental health, substance use, and alcohol use prob-*
17 *lems caused or aggravated by a major disaster or its*
18 *aftermath.*

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