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H. R. 5740

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Ms. WILD (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. TRONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Enhancing Mental
5 Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGING CAMPUS COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL**
2 **HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PLANS.**

3 Part L of title VIII of the Higher Education Act of
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 11611 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 826 as section 827;

6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 825 the following
8 new section:

9 **“SEC. 826. ENCOURAGING CAMPUS COMPREHENSIVE MEN-**
10 **TAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION**
11 **PLANS.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make efforts
13 to encourage institutions of higher education to develop
14 and implement evidence-based comprehensive campus
15 mental health and suicide prevention plans. Such efforts—

16 “(1) shall be conducted in coordination with the
17 Secretary of Health and Human Services (acting
18 through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health
19 and Substance Use);

20 “(2) shall align with—

21 “(A) the efforts and approaches rec-
22 ommended by the Suicide Prevention Resource
23 Center;

24 “(B) the programs authorized under sec-
25 tion 9032 of the 21st Century Cures Act (42
26 U.S.C. 290bb–36b note; Public Law 114–255),

1 the amendments made by section 9031 of such
2 Act to section 520E-2 of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-36b), and the
4 amendment made by section 9033 of such Act
5 to part D of title V of the Public Health Service
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.); and

7 “(C) the programs authorized under the
8 Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (42 U.S.C.
9 201 note; Public Law 108-355);

10 “(3) shall take into consideration existing Fed-
11 eral and State efforts to address mental health and
12 suicide prevention at institutions of higher edu-
13 cation; and

14 “(4) may be carried out in collaboration with
15 nonprofit organizations, community-based organiza-
16 tions that partner with institutions of higher edu-
17 cation, and other experts and stakeholders in the
18 field of campus mental health and suicide preven-
19 tion.

20 “(b) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall report to the
21 Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House
22 of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-
23 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate on the efforts
24 of the Secretary carried out under this section—

1 “(1) not later than one year after the date of
2 enactment of the Enhancing Mental Health and Sui-
3 cide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act; and

4 “(2) three years after the date of enactment of
5 such Act.

6 “(c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
7 be construed as creating new statutory requirements for
8 institutions of higher education or granting the Secretary
9 new regulatory authority.”.

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