

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6003

To exempt certain Federal first responder grants from matching fund requirements to address the Nation’s rising rate of first responder suicides and other mental health issues, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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

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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 “First Responder Resil-
5 iency Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATCHING FUND EXEMPTION FOR FIRE AND EMS**
2 **JOB-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS.**

3 Section 33(k)(1) of the Fire Prevention and Control
4 Act (15 U.S.C. 2229(k)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by adding “or sub-
6 paragraph (C)” following “except as provided in
7 subparagraph (B)”;

8 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(C) EXCEPTION FOR JOB-RELATED MEN-
11 TAL HEALTH GRANTS.—The requirements of
12 subparagraphs (A) and (B) do not apply with
13 respect to funds awarded to carry out a pro-
14 gram dedicated to raising awareness of, and
15 prevention of, job-related mental health issues
16 (as described in subsection (c)(3)(E)).”.

17 **SEC. 3. MATCHING FUND EXEMPTION FOR LAW ENFORCE-**
18 **MENT JOB-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH**
19 **GRANTS.**

20 Section 1701 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
21 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (b)(23), by adding “job-re-
23 lated mental health issues remediation programs or”
24 after “establish”;

25 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
26 following: “Programs funded by a grant under sub-

1 section (a) for job-related mental health issues reme-
2 diation programs or peer mentoring mental health
3 and wellness pilot programs within State, tribal, and
4 local law enforcement agencies (as described in sub-
5 section (b)(23)) are exempt from the requirements
6 of this subsection.”.

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