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To amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 30, 2024

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “No Wrong Door for
5 Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO AND REAUTHORIZATION OF THE**
2 **STAFF SERGEANT PARKER GORDON FOX SUI-**
3 **CIDE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM OF THE**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) REORGANIZATION.—Subsection (b) of section 201
6 of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental
7 Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–
8 171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F) is amended, in the second sen-
9 tence, by striking “Office of Mental Health and Suicide
10 Prevention” and inserting “the Assistant Under Secretary
11 for Health for Clinical Services”.

12 (b) USE OF GRANT MONEY.—Such section is further
13 amended, in subsection (c)(2)(A), by inserting “(not more
14 than 5 percent of which may be spent on food and non-
15 alcoholic beverages)” after “fiscal year”.

16 (c) BRIEFING FOR LOCAL VAMCS.—Such section is
17 further amended, in subsection (h), by adding at the end
18 the following new paragraph:

19 “(5) BRIEFING FOR LOCAL VAMCS.—Not less
20 than once per calendar quarter, the Secretary shall
21 provide, to the appropriate personnel of each medical
22 center of the Department located not more than 100
23 miles from the primary location of a grantee, a
24 briefing about the grant program under this section
25 in order to improve coordination between a grantee
26 and such personnel.”.

1 (d) DURATION.—Such section is further amended, in
2 subsection (j), by striking “the date that is three years
3 after the date on which the first grant is awarded under
4 this section” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

5 (e) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—Such section is fur-
6 ther amended, in subsection (n)—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “When”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(2) If the Secretary does not provide services under
11 paragraph (1) to an eligible individual during the 72-hour
12 period following a referral under subsection (m), such eli-
13 gible individual shall be treated as eligible for emergent
14 suicide care under section 1720J of title 38, United States
15 Code.”.

16 (f) REAUTHORIZATION.—Such section is further
17 amended, in subsection (p), by striking “2025” and insert-
18 ing “2027”.

19 (g) TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO DEFINITIONS.—
20 Such section is further amended, in subsection (q)(5), by
21 striking “Medical services” and inserting “The term
22 ‘emergency treatment’ means medical services”.

23 (h) REQUIRED USE OF CERTAIN SCREENING PRO-
24 TOCOL.—Such section is further amended, in subsection
25 (q)(11)(A)(ii), by adding at the end the following new sen-

1 tence: “In the case of a grantee awarded a grant under
2 this section on or after the date of the enactment of the
3 No Wrong Door for Veterans Act, such screening shall
4 be the Columbia Protocol (also known as the Columbia-
5 Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS)).”.

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