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H. R. 9577

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to support models for providing stabilization services to individuals with serious thoughts of suicide, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RASKIN (for himself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Stabilization to Pre-
5 vent Suicide Act” or the “STOP Suicide Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO IMPLEMENT MODELS FOR PROVIDING**
2 **STABILIZATION SERVICES.**

3 Title V of the Public Health Service Act is amended
4 by inserting after section 520N (42 U.S.C. 290bb–45) the
5 following:

6 **“SEC. 520O. GRANTS TO IMPLEMENT MODELS FOR PRO-**
7 **VIDING STABILIZATION SERVICES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall
9 award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities
10 to implement models for providing stabilization services to
11 individuals with serious thoughts of suicide.

12 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
14 grant under this section, an eligible entity shall sub-
15 mit to the Assistant Secretary an application at such
16 time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
17 tion as the Assistant Secretary determines is appro-
18 priate, which shall include the plan described in
19 paragraph (2).

20 “(2) CONTINUITY PLAN.—An application de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1) shall include a plan for how
22 an eligible entity will continue to finance the provi-
23 sion of stabilization services supported by a grant
24 awarded under this section following the end of the
25 grant period of such grant.

1 “(c) ELIGIBLE USES.—A grant awarded under this
2 section—

3 “(1) shall be used to provide or support the
4 provision of stabilization services that are—

5 “(A) suicide-specific;

6 “(B) evidence-based or evidence-informed;

7 and

8 “(C) provided in the least-restrictive set-
9 ting that is appropriate for the needs of the in-
10 dividual to whom such services are provided;

11 and

12 “(2) may be used to provide or support the pro-
13 vision of stabilization services that take the form of
14 outpatient care, virtual care, or other technology-re-
15 lated innovations, which may include peer support
16 services.

17 “(d) GRANT PERIOD.—The term of a grant awarded
18 under this section shall not exceed 5 years. Such term is
19 not renewable.

20 “(e) EVALUATIONS, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL AS-
21 SISTANCE.—The Assistant Secretary shall—

22 “(1) conduct an evaluation of the activities sup-
23 ported by the grants awarded under this section and
24 disseminate, as appropriate, the findings of such
25 evaluation;

1 “(2) provide training and other information, as
2 appropriate, to any eligible entity that is awarded a
3 grant under this section; and

4 “(3) provide technical assistance, as appro-
5 priate, to any eligible entity that is awarded a grant
6 under this section.

7 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
9 tity’ means—

10 “(A) a community-based primary care or
11 behavioral health care provider, including—

12 “(i) a school-based health center;

13 “(ii) a campus-based health center at
14 an institution of higher education (as de-
15 fined in section 101 of the Higher Edu-
16 cation Act of 1965);

17 “(iii) a community health center;

18 “(iv) a rural health clinic (as defined
19 in section 1861(aa) of the Social Security
20 Act);

21 “(v) a Federally qualified health cen-
22 ter (as defined in such section 1861(aa));

23 “(vi) a certified community behavioral
24 health clinic; and

25 “(vii) a children’s hospital;

1 “(B) a crisis center;

2 “(C) a public health agency, including—

3 “(i) a State mental health agency; and

4 “(ii) a State health agency with men-
5 tal or behavioral health functions;

6 “(D) a territory of the United States; and

7 “(E) an Indian tribe or tribal organization
8 (as such terms are defined in section 4 of the
9 Indian Self-Determination and Education As-
10 sistance Act).

11 “(2) STABILIZATION SERVICES.—The term ‘sta-
12 bilization services’ means a clinical intervention or
13 treatment that—

14 “(A) reduces or eliminates a state of acute
15 emotional crisis;

16 “(B) reduces or eliminates clear and immi-
17 nent suicide risk of the patient; or

18 “(C) helps the patient establish behavioral
19 control over acute impulsive states.

20 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.”.

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