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# S. 1962

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation.

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 “Parity Implementation  
5 Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-**  
2 **STANCE USE DISORDER PARITY IMPLEMEN-**  
3 **TATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2794(c) of the Public  
5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–94(c)) (as added by  
6 section 1003 of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
7 Care Act (Public Law 111–148) is amended by adding at  
8 the end the following:

9 “(3) PARITY IMPLEMENTATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning 60 days  
11 after the date of enactment of the Parity Imple-  
12 mentation Assistance Act, the Secretary shall  
13 award grants to States to implement the mental  
14 health and substance use disorder parity provi-  
15 sions of section 2726, provided that in order to  
16 receive such a grant, a State is required to re-  
17 quest and review from health insurance issuers  
18 offering group or individual health insurance  
19 coverage the comparative analyses and other in-  
20 formation required of such health insurance  
21 issuers under subsection (a)(8)(A) of such sec-  
22 tion 2726 regarding the design and application  
23 of nonquantitative treatment limitations im-  
24 posed on mental health or substance use dis-  
25 order benefits.

1           “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
2           TIONS.—For purposes of awarding grants  
3           under subparagraph (A), there are authorized  
4           to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for each of the  
5           first five fiscal years beginning after the date of  
6           the enactment of this paragraph.”.

7           (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 2794 of the  
8           Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–95), as  
9           added by section 6603 of the Patient Protection and Af-  
10          fordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148) is redesignated  
11          as section 2795.

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