

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2035

To provide funding to the National Institute of Mental Health to support suicide prevention and brain research, including funding for the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Suicide Prevention Re-
5 search INnovaTion Act” or the “SPRINT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUICIDE PREVENTION AND BRAIN RESEARCH.**

2 Subpart 16 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
3 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285p et seq.) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 464U-1. FUNDING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND**
6 **BRAIN RESEARCH.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Institute of Mental
8 Health shall use the funds made available to such institute
9 under subsection (b) exclusively for the purpose of con-
10 ducting and supporting—

11 “(1) research on the determinants of self-di-
12 rected and other violence in mental illness, including
13 studies designed to reduce the risk of self-harm, sui-
14 cide, and interpersonal violence, especially in rural
15 communities with a shortage of mental health serv-
16 ices; and

17 “(2) brain research through the Brain Research
18 Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies
19 (BRAIN) Initiative.

20 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In ad-
21 dition to amounts otherwise made available to the Na-
22 tional Institute of Mental Health, including amounts ap-
23 propriated under section 402A(a), there are authorized to
24 be appropriated to such institute \$40,000,000 for each of
25 fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to carry out this section.”.