IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Mental Health First Aid Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING GRANTS.

Section 520J of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–41) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS” before “TRAINING”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “ILLNESS” and inserting “HEALTH”; (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, veterans, law enforcement, and other categories of individuals, as determined by the Secretary,” after “emergency services personnel”; (C) in paragraph (5)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “to” and inserting “for evidence-based programs that provide education to teachers, personnel, and other categories of individuals described in paragraph (1) on at least”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following:
“(A) recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental illness; and

“(B) either—

“(i) resources available in the community for individuals with a mental illness and other relevant resources; or

“(ii) the safe de-escalation of crisis situations involving individuals with a mental illness.”; and

(D) in paragraph (7), by striking “, $25,000,000” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “$14,963,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26, 2016.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.