

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2966

To amend the Public Health Service Act to encourage programs to address college athlete mental health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WICKER) 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 “Targeting Emotional
5 and Mental Stability Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COLLEGE ATHLETE MENTAL HEALTH.**

7 Section 520E–2 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 290bb–36b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(13) Carrying out one or more school-based
4 programs to address mental health disorders among
5 the college athlete population, including providing
6 access to—

7 “(A) mental health care services for college
8 athletes, including real-time counseling and
9 telehealth services;

10 “(B) peer-to-peer counseling;

11 “(C) existing crisis lifeline services, includ-
12 ing the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline;

13 “(D) training for students, faculty, athletic
14 coaches, and staff to respond effectively to stu-
15 dents exhibiting signs of mental distress or sub-
16 stance use disorder; or

17 “(E) campus-wide education initiatives to
18 address the stigma associated with mental
19 health issues among college athletes.”; and

20 (2) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(9) For an institution of higher education pro-
23 posing to use the grant for an activity described in
24 paragraph (13) of subsection (b), a letter of support

- 1 from the athletics department of the institution of
- 2 higher education.”.

