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H. R. 10246

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to provide for health center capital grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. COSTA, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Ms. TOKUDA) 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 “9–8–8 Community In-
5 frastructure Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HEALTH CENTER CAPITAL GRANTS.**

7 Subpart 1 of part D of title III of the Public Health
8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 330Q. HEALTH CENTER CAPITAL GRANTS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
3 grants to eligible entities for capital projects.

4 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term el-
5 igible entity is an entity that is—

6 “(1) a health center funded under section 330,
7 or in the case of a Tribe or Tribal organization, eli-
8 gible, to be awarded without regard to the time limi-
9 tation in subsection (e)(3) and subsections
10 (e)(6)(A)(iii), (e)(6)(B)(iii), and (r)(2)(B) of such
11 section; or

12 “(2) a crisis receiving and stabilization facility
13 or crisis call center that has a working relationship
14 with one or more local community mental health and
15 substance use organizations, community mental
16 health centers, and certified community behavioral
17 health clinics, or other local mental health and sub-
18 stance use care providers, including inpatient and
19 residential treatment settings.

20 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to a
21 recipient of a grant or cooperative agreement pursuant to
22 subsection (a) shall be used for crisis response program
23 facility alteration, renovation, remodeling, expansion, new
24 construction, and other capital improvement costs, includ-
25 ing the costs of amortizing the principal of, and paying
26 interest on, loans for such purposes.

1 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) CRISIS RECEIVING AND STABILIZATION FA-
3 CILITY.—The term ‘crisis receiving and stabilization
4 facility’ means a freestanding, non-hospital facility
5 that—

6 “(A) qualifies for licensure or certification
7 as a crisis receiving and stabilization facility,
8 pursuant to State law of the State in which
9 such facility furnishes crisis response services;

10 “(B) provides 23-hour observation and as-
11 sessment chairs or beds and 48-hour crisis sta-
12 bilization psychiatric beds inclusive of with-
13 drawal management and 24-hour medical moni-
14 toring;

15 “(C) provides crisis response services 24
16 hours per day, 7 days per week using a sliding
17 scale of payment, and neither rejects service nor
18 limits services on the basis of a patient’s ability
19 to pay, place of residence, prior forensic engage-
20 ment, acuity of mental health or substance use
21 condition, intellectual or developmental dis-
22 ability, age or related factors;

23 “(D) supports no-wrong-door admission ca-
24 pacity available to law enforcement officers,

1 emergency medical personnel, and family mem-
2 bers; and

3 “(E) maintains an average length-of-stay
4 of less than 150 hours.

5 “(2) CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM FACILITY.—

6 The term ‘crisis response program facility’ means a
7 facility used for the purposes of mental health or
8 substance use services that are furnished to an indi-
9 vidual, including children and adolescents, experi-
10 encing a mental health or substance use crisis by—

11 “(A) a mobile crisis response team;

12 “(B) a crisis receiving and stabilization fa-
13 cility;

14 “(C) a mental health or substance use ur-
15 gent care facility; or

16 “(D) other appropriate provider, as deter-
17 mined by the Secretary.

18 “(3) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

19 URGENT CARE FACILITY.—The term ‘mental health
20 and substance use urgent care facility’ means an
21 ambulatory facility in which individuals experiencing
22 a mental or behavioral health crisis may receive cri-
23 sis assessment services, crisis intervention services,
24 medication, and connection to other appropriate

1 services, without making an appointment prior to ar-
2 riving at the facility.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

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