

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5074

To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Center for Mental Health Services to develop and disseminate a strategy to address the effects of new technologies on children’s mental health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 29, 2025

Mr. STEIL (for himself and Ms. BALINT) 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 “Protecting Young
5 Minds Online Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES STRAT-**
2 **EGY TO ADDRESS EFFECTS OF NEW TECH-**
3 **NOLOGIES ON CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH.**

4 Section 520(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 290bb–31(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (16), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (17), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(18) develop and implement a strategy to help
12 local communities address the effects of new tech-
13 nologies, such as social media, on children’s mental
14 health.”.

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