

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5553

To amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure area career and technical education schools are eligible for mental health and substance use disorder service grants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Ms. BONAMICI) 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 “CTE Student Mental
5 Health and Wellness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**
2 **SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDU-**
3 **CATION.**

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

6 (1) in subsections (a) through (f)—

7 (A) by striking “an institution of higher
8 education” each place it appears and inserting
9 “a covered institution”;

10 (B) by striking “the institution of higher
11 education” each place it appears and inserting
12 “the covered institution”; and

13 (C) by striking “institutions of higher edu-
14 cation” each place it appears and inserting
15 “covered institutions”;

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
18 by striking “Any institution of higher edu-
19 cation” and inserting “Any covered institution”;
20 and

21 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “institu-
22 tion of higher education supported” and insert-
23 ing “covered institution–supported”; and

24 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(g) COVERED INSTITUTION DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term ‘covered institution’ means—

3 “(1) an area career and technical education
4 school (as defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-
5 kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006);
6 and

7 “(2) an institution of higher education (as de-
8 fined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965).”.

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