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H. R. 8657

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance programs for youth suicide prevention and intervention, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2026

Mrs. HOUCHIN (for herself, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. POCAN) 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 “Campus Lifeline Act
5 of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDENT-LED CAMPUS INTERVENTIONS.**

7 Section 520E–2(b)(10) of the Public Health Service
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36b(b)(10)) is amended to read as
9 follows:

1 “(10) Supporting student groups on campus,
2 including athletic teams and mental health clubs,
3 that engage in activities to—

4 “(A) educate students, including activities
5 to reduce stigma surrounding mental and be-
6 havioral health disorders, and promote mental
7 health; and

8 “(B) recognize and intervene effectively
9 and appropriately with their peers experiencing
10 warning signs of mental health and substance
11 use disorders.”.

12 **SEC. 3. 988 YOUTH AWARENESS STRATEGIES.**

13 Section 520E–3 of the Public Health Service Act (42
14 U.S.C. 290bb–36c) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “including
16 by” and all that follows through the semicolon at the
17 end and inserting “including by—

18 “(A) conducting an awareness initiative
19 and ongoing outreach to the public; and

20 “(B) coordinating with and encouraging
21 States and institutions of higher education to
22 list the 988 hotline on newly issued identifica-
23 tion cards.”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and
2 maintaining the suicide prevention hotline
3 under subsection (b)(2),” and inserting “,
4 maintaining the suicide prevention hotline
5 under subsection (b)(2), and improving aware-
6 ness of the program under subsection (b)(4),”;

7 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “,
8 including awareness activities under subsection
9 (b)(4),” after “the program”; and

10 (C) in paragraph (3)—

11 (i) by striking “In developing” and in-
12 serting the following:

13 “(A) DEVELOPING REQUIREMENTS FOR
14 CRISIS CENTERS AND BACKUP CENTERS.—In
15 developing”; and

16 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(B) DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR AWARE-
19 NESS ACTIVITIES.—In developing a plan for
20 awareness activities under subsection (b)(4), the
21 Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of
22 Education, the Secretary of Transportation,
23 and the heads of other relevant departments
24 and agencies.”.

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