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To provide for further improvement of the program to expand and improve the provision of specialized mental health services to veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR**
4 **PROVISION OF SPECIALIZED MENTAL**
5 **HEALTH SERVICES TO VETERANS.**

6 (a) INCREASE IN FUNDING.—Subsection (c) of sec-
7 tion 116 of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and
8 Benefits Act (Public Law 106–117; 113 Stat. 1559; 38
9 U.S.C. 1712A note) is amended by striking

1 “\$15,000,000” both places it appears and inserting
2 “\$25,000,000”.

3 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Subsection (d) of that
4 section is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”;
6 and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraphs:

9 “(2) In allocating funds to facilities under paragraph
10 (1), the Secretary shall ensure that—

11 “(A) not less than \$10,000,000 is allocated by
12 direct grants to programs that are identified by the
13 Mental Health Strategic Health Care Group and the
14 Committee on Care of Severely Chronically Mentally
15 Ill Veterans;

16 “(B) not less than \$5,000,000 is allocated for
17 programs on post-traumatic stress disorder; and

18 “(C) not less than \$5,000,000 is allocated for
19 programs on substance abuse disorder.

20 “(3) The Secretary shall provide that the funds to
21 be allocated under this section during the three-year pe-
22 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this para-
23 graph are funds for a special purpose program for which

- 1 funds are not allocated through the Veterans Equitable
- 2 Resource Allocation system.”.

