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H. R. 1615

To provide for a study by the Institute of Medicine on gaps in mental health services and how these gaps can increase the risk of violent acts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Ms. KAPTUR) 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 “Examining America’s
5 Mental Health Services Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON GAPS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”)
9 shall enter into an agreement with the Institute of Medi-
10 cine (or, if the Institute declines to enter into such an ar-

1 rangement, another appropriate entity) to conduct a com-
2 prehensive study on—

3 (1) gaps in mental health services, including
4 treatment services, whether publicly or privately
5 funded; and

6 (2) how these gaps can increase the risk of vio-
7 lent acts.

8 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study under subsection
9 (a) shall include consideration of—

10 (1) gaps in mental health treatment services for
11 adults and children with severe and persistent men-
12 tal illness;

13 (2) barriers to receiving mental health services
14 that result in high rates of untreated mental illness;
15 and

16 (3) the availability of interventions such as as-
17 sisted outpatient treatment designed to reach indi-
18 viduals with untreated severe mental illness.

19 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary shall ensure that, not
20 later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this
21 Act—

22 (1) the study under subsection (a) is completed;
23 and

- 1 (2) a report on the findings and conclusions of
- 2 such study is submitted to the Congress.

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