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To provide funding to the National Institute of Mental Health to support suicide prevention and brain research, including funding for the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Suicide Prevention Research INnovaTion Act'' or the ''SPRINT Act''.

SEC. 2. SUICIDE PREVENTION AND BRAIN RESEARCH.

Subpart 16 of part C of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285p et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 464U–1. FUNDING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND BRAIN RESEARCH.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Institute of Mental Health shall use the funds made available to such institute under subsection (b) exclusively for the purpose of conducting and supporting—

"(1) research on the determinants of self-directed and other violence in mental illness, including studies designed to reduce the risk of self-harm, suicide, and interpersonal violence, especially in rural communities with a shortage of mental health services; and

"(2) brain research through the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative.

"(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available to the National Institute of Mental Health, including amounts appropriated under section 402A(a), there are authorized to be appropriated to such institute $40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019 to carry out this section.".

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