

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6498

To improve mental health services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2018

Mr. ROE of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To improve mental health services.

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 “Youth Mental Health
5 Services Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH.**

7 (a) STATE USE OF FUNDS.—Section 4104(b)(3)(B)
8 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 7114(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

10 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;

11 and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) improving the mental health services available to students, which may include—

“(I) identifying and disseminating best practices for mental health first aid;

“(II) assisting in the establishment or implementation of emergency planning, which may include emergency response teams to address emergencies at schools;

“(III) establishing or identifying agreements with local health agencies, including nonprofit, public, and private mental health agencies and institutions, to improve coordination of services; and

“(IV) telehealth services; and”.

(b) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY APPLICATIONS.—

Section 4106(e)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7116(e)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

1 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
2 paragraph (F); and

3 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (D), the
4 following:

5 “(E) if applicable, how funds will be used
6 for activities related to providing mental health
7 services under section 4108; and”.

8 (c) ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVE USE
9 OF TECHNOLOGY.—Section 4109 of the Elementary and
10 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7119) is
11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at
14 the end;

15 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-
16 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(7) providing technology to improve mental
19 health services.”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) by striking “A local” and inserting the
22 following:

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A local”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in
2 paragraph (1) shall not apply to technology infra-
3 structure that is also used for mental health serv-
4 ices.”.

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