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Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. SMITH) 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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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 “Achieving Thorough
5 Transparency and Accessibility for Information Naviga-
6 tion on Mental Health Act of 2020” or the “ATTAIN
7 Mental Health Act”.

8 **SEC. 2. INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services (referred to in this sec-
4 tion as the “Secretary”) shall establish and operate
5 an interactive, internet website-based dashboard (re-
6 ferred to in this section as the “dashboard”) that
7 publicizes federally funded mental health related
8 grants, for the purpose of enabling potential appli-
9 cants for such grants, including applicants who
10 would be eligible for a subgrant under such a pro-
11 gram, to review such grants.

12 (2) DESIGN.—The public-facing, internet
13 website-based dashboard shall be designed in a user-
14 friendly, publicly accessible manner that complies
15 with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42
16 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and helps entities identify
17 mental health related grants for which applicants
18 may be eligible, to facilitate funding opportunity
19 communication and engagement.

20 (3) CONSULTATION.—In establishing the dash-
21 board under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall con-
22 sult with—

23 (A) the Director of the National Institutes
24 of Health, the Assistant Secretary for Mental
25 Health and Substance Use, the Director of the

1 Indian Health Service, the Administrator of the
2 Health Resources and Services Administration,
3 the Secretary of Education, the Attorney Gen-
4 eral, the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
5 velopment, the Secretary of Labor, the Sec-
6 retary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of De-
7 fense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and
8 heads of other relevant agencies, as appro-
9 priate; and

10 (B) relevant stakeholders who are the in-
11 tended users of the dashboard, including ele-
12 mentary or secondary schools, institutions of
13 higher education, including Historically Black
14 Colleges and Universities, tribal colleges or uni-
15 versities, and other minority-serving institu-
16 tions, as such institutions are described in sec-
17 tion 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of
18 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q), local educational
19 agencies, State educational agencies, nonprofit
20 organizations, tribal organizations, faith or
21 community-based organizations, clinical re-
22 searchers, mental health treatment facilities,
23 mental and behavioral health providers, sub-
24 stance use disorder treatment providers, hous-
25 ing services, municipal governments, law en-

1 enforcement agencies, first responders, drug
2 courts, mental health courts, and veterans
3 treatment courts, and which consultation shall
4 be with respect to elements of the dashboard,
5 such as search terms, links, and user-friendly
6 format.

7 (4) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—The Secretary,
8 in consultation with representatives of relevant agen-
9 cies, including representatives appointed by the
10 heads of agencies described in paragraph (3)(A),
11 shall, not later than 120 days after the date of en-
12 actment of this Act, issue a plan to launch the dash-
13 board not later than 2 years after the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act.

15 (b) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall continually main-
16 tain the dashboard established under subsection (a) to
17 keep all relevant, current grant opportunities posted.

18 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The dashboard established
19 under subsection (a) shall have an easy-to-use interface,
20 and shall, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

21 (1) Provide the following information:

22 (A) The name of each Federal grant pro-
23 gram and, if different, the name of each associ-
24 ated State grant program, as available, that is
25 designated for the purposes of mental health

1 support, treatment, or assistance, or under
2 which mental health support is an acceptable
3 expenditure of grant funds.

4 (B) With respect to the current fiscal year,
5 for each program for which subgrants are not
6 available, indicate whether applications for the
7 Federal grant application period is open or
8 closed, and the opening and closing dates.

9 (C) For each program for which amounts
10 have been awarded to States for the current fis-
11 cal year with respect to a block grant described
12 in subsection (d)(2), include whether the rel-
13 evant application period for a subgrant remains
14 open at the State level, and whether there will
15 be a new subgrant competition during the cur-
16 rent fiscal year, if such information is available
17 from the applicable State.

18 (2) For purposes of assisting users in identi-
19 fying programs included in the dashboard, including
20 the following information with respect to each pro-
21 gram listed:

22 (A) Any associated authorization, report,
23 appropriation, agency program, grant number,
24 or other information useful in identifying the
25 program.

1 (B) Any subgrant name used by a State
2 with respect to a Federal grant program known
3 by the Secretary.

4 (3) Allow potential grant applicants to search
5 the dashboard by key categories and location, if ap-
6 plicable, for which grants are available.

7 (4) Provide, as appropriate, access or links to
8 the respective program information pages and online
9 applications.

10 (d) ACCEPTANCE AND INTEGRATION OF STATE PRO-
11 VIDED DATA.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
13 and integrate into the dashboard information volun-
14 tarily submitted by States that is relevant to the
15 purposes of such dashboard, as described in para-
16 graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).

17 (2) BLOCK GRANTS.—In the case of mental
18 health resources made available through Federal
19 block grants to States, or Federal funding for which
20 a specific recipient is not identified prior to its dis-
21 tribution to a State, the Secretary shall establish a
22 method for States to voluntarily identify where Fed-
23 eral grants were distributed for the purpose of ena-
24 bling prospective applicants to recognize the pro-
25 gram name for the funding that is used at the State

- 1 level and any relevant direct website link to apply
- 2 for the funding at the State level.

