

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 5248

To reauthorize the training demonstration program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2022

Mr. CASEY 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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other purposes.

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 “Mental Health Work-
5 force for Kids Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF TRAINING DEMONSTRATION**
7 **PROGRAM WITH PROVISIONS TO STRENGTH-**
8 **EN THE PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE**
9 **WORKFORCE.**

10 Section 760 of the Public Health Service Act (42
11 U.S.C. 294k) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2)—

3 (i) by striking “nurse practitioners,
4 physician assistants, health service psy-
5 chologists, and social workers” and insert-
6 ing “registered nurses and nurse practi-
7 tioners, physician assistants, health service
8 psychologists, counselors, social workers,
9 and other health care providers (as the
10 Secretary determines appropriate to pro-
11 vide trauma-informed, developmentally ap-
12 propriate care for pediatric mental health,
13 developmental, and substance use dis-
14 orders)”; and

15 (ii) by striking “; and” and inserting
16 a semicolon;

17 (B) in paragraph (3)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
19 “or pediatric mental health and substance
20 use disorder care” after “addiction”; and

21 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
22 the period and inserting “; and”; and

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

“(4) training for provisionally licensed mental health and substance use disorder professionals in underserved community-based settings.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)(i)—

(i) in subclause (I), by inserting “or child and adolescent psychiatry” after “addiction medicine”; and

(ii) in subclause (II), by inserting “or child and adolescent psychiatry” after “addiction medicine”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) SUPPORT FOR PROVISIONALLY-LICENSED PROVIDERS.—A recipient of a grant under subsection (a)(4)—

“(A) shall use the grant funds to provide clinical training or to provide trainee support, including in the form of stipends, to individuals pursuing postgraduate supervised clinical training required for licensure to provide mental and behavioral health services, public health services, or primary care services, as appropriate; and

“(B) may use the grant funds to provide additional support for the administration of the

program or to meet the costs of projects to establish, maintain, or improve clinical supervision or departments, divisions, or other units necessary to implement such program.”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)(ii)(II), by inserting “or child and adolescent psychiatry” after “addiction medicine”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (E), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking “nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, and social workers.” and inserting “registered nurses and nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health service psychologists, counselors, social workers, and other health care providers (as the Secretary determines appropriate to provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate care for pediatric mental health, developmental, and substance use disorders); or”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(G) a children’s hospital or children’s
2 health system providing pediatric health serv-
3 ices—

4 “(i) to a high percentage of children
5 covered under a State Medicaid program
6 under title XIX of the Social Security Act
7 or a State Children’s Health Insurance
8 program under title XXI of such Act; or

9 “(ii) in a rural community.”; and

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

11 “(4) SUPPORT FOR PROVISIONALLY-LICENSED
12 PROVIDERS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under
13 subsection (a)(4), an entity shall be—

14 “(A) an accredited institution of higher
15 education that provides clinical training to pro-
16 visionally licensed professionals;

17 “(B) an accredited professional training
18 program that provides clinical training to provi-
19 sionally licensed professionals; or

20 “(C) a nonprofit private or public organi-
21 zation that provides clinical training to provi-
22 sionally licensed professionals, as the Secretary
23 determines appropriate.”;

24 (4) in subsection (d)(1)(A)—

1 (A) by striking “nurse practitioners” and
2 inserting “health service psychologists, coun-
3 selors, registered nurses, nurse practitioners”;
4 and

5 (B) by inserting “or pediatric mental
6 health and substance use disorder care” after
7 “addiction medicine”; and

8 (5) in subsection (g), by striking “\$10,000,000
9 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022” and in-
10 serting “such sums as may be necessary for each of
11 fiscal years 2023 through 2027”.

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