

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 2826

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to dedicate sufficient resources for the support of LGBTQ+ youth seeking help from the 9–8–8 suicide prevention hotline, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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 “988 LGBTQ+ Youth
5 Access Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) according to the Centers for Disease Con-
 2 trol and Prevention, 45 percent of high school stu-
 3 dents who seriously considered attempting suicide in
 4 2021 identified as LGBTQ+;

5 (2) since its launch, the Specialized Services for
 6 LGBTQ+ youth within the 988 Suicide Prevention
 7 and Crisis Lifeline have received nearly 1,500,000
 8 calls, texts, and chats, with an average of 2,200 con-
 9 tacts per day as of May 2025; and

10 (3) given that LGBTQ+ youth are four times
 11 more likely to attempt suicide as compared to their
 12 peers, the Specialized Services for LGBTQ+ youth
 13 are equipped with crucial training addressing
 14 LGBTQ+ specific challenges and needs.

15 **SEC. 3. SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE SERVICES FOR**
 16 **LGBTQ+ YOUTH.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 520E–3(b) of the Public
 18 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c(b)) is amend-
 19 ed—

20 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
 21 end;

22 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
 23 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

1 “(6) dedicating sufficient resources, including
2 establishing, re-establishing, operating, and main-
3 taining specialized services (known as the Press 3
4 option or Integrated Voice Response (IVR)), for the
5 support of youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,
6 transgender, queer, or questioning (LGBTQ+) seek-
7 ing help from the suicide prevention hotline.”.

8 (b) FUNDING.—Section 520E–3(f) of the Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c(f)) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following: “Of the amounts ap-
11 propriated under this subsection for a fiscal year, the Sec-
12 retary shall reserve not less than 9 percent for carrying
13 out subsection (b)(6).”.

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