

Our Mental Health Justice Act will help send unarmed mental health professionals to respond to mental health crises in our neighborhoods: crucial action to save lives.

Our Break the Cycle of Violence Act invests in effective, evidence-based community violence intervention initiatives—building on the lifesaving progress we forged in our American Rescue Plan.

Our VICTIM Act will bolster the ability of police forces to solve homicides, sexual assaults, shootings and other violent crimes: a necessary step to ensure justice is served and improve trust in law enforcement.

In the same spirit, House Democrats take immense pride in our work so far this Congress to keep America's families safe from harm.

Under the magnificent leadership of President Biden, we enacted an historic gun violence prevention law—which is saving lives by getting deadly weapons out of dangerous hands.

Meanwhile, the House has successfully passed legislation reinstating the Assault Weapons Ban and establishing an AMBER Alert-style warning during shootings—measures that strongly support our law enforcement.

And this Congress, our Majority has also passed legislation to: require universal background checks, promote safe storage, and ban bump stocks, high-capacity magazines and ghost guns.

Make no mistake: our colleagues across the aisle overwhelmingly voted against all of these measures.

Because they fail to realize that preventing gun crime is a crucial piece of the puzzle in building safer communities—especially for our children.

Madam Speaker. Every Member who has the special privilege of serving in these hallowed halls takes a sacred oath to the American people.

That oath—which is blind to party affiliation—is to “protect & defend.”

And with this package today, the House is honoring this foremost responsibility.

So I encourage every Member to join us in putting People Over Politics—and vote for safer communities in every corner of the country.

With that, I urge a resounding, bipartisan AYE vote on all four bills in this strong public safety package.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 54 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at 12 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 1377 on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MCCARTHY (during the vote). Madam Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. MCCARTHY. There is a Member that is 3 minutes out on their way with the right to vote. As you held up the others, do they have the right to hold?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman does not state a parliamentary inquiry.

The Clerk will report the tally.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 215, answered “present” 1, not voting 1, as follows:

[Roll No. 450]

YEAS—216

Adams	Courtney	Jackson Lee
Aguilar	Craig	Jacobs (CA)
Allred	Crow	Jayapal
Auchincloss	Cuellar	Jeffries
Axne	Davids (KS)	Johnson (GA)
Barragán	Davis, Danny K.	Johnson (TX)
Bass	Dean	Jones
Beatty	DeFazio	Kahele
Bera	DeGette	Kaptur
Beyer	DeLauro	Keating
Bishop (GA)	DelBene	Kelly (IL)
Blumenauer	Demings	Khanna
Blunt Rochester	DeSaulnier	Kildee
Bonamici	Deutch	Kilmer
Bourdeaux	Dingell	Kim (NJ)
Boyle, Brendan	Doggett	Kind
F.	Doyle, Michael	Kirkpatrick
Brown (MD)	F.	Krishnamoorthi
Brown (OH)	Escobar	Kuster
Brownley	Eshoo	Lamb
Bustos	Españillat	Langevin
Butterfield	Evans	Larsen (WA)
Carbajal	Fletcher	Larson (CT)
Cárdenas	Foster	Lawrence
Carson	Frankel, Lois	Lawson (FL)
Carter (LA)	Gallego	Lee (CA)
Cartwright	Garamendi	Lee (NV)
Case	Garcia (IL)	Leger Fernandez
Casten	Garcia (TX)	Levin (CA)
Castor (FL)	Golden	Levin (MI)
Castro (TX)	Gomez	Lieu
Cherfilus-	Gonzalez,	Lofgren
McCormick	Vicente	Lowenthal
Chu	Gottheimer	Luria
Cicilline	Green, Al (TX)	Lynch
Clark (MA)	Grijalva	Malinowski
Clarke (NY)	Harder (CA)	Maloney,
Cleaver	Hayes	Carolyn B.
Clyburn	Higgins (NY)	Maloney, Sean
Cohen	Himes	Manning
Connolly	Horsford	Matsui
Cooper	Houlahan	McBath
Correa	Hoyer	McCollum
Costa	Huffman	McEachin

McGovern	Porter	Speier
McNerney	Price (NC)	Stansbury
Meeks	Quigley	Stanton
Meng	Raskin	Stevens
Mfume	Rice (NY)	Strickland
Moore (WI)	Ross	Suozzi
Morelle	Roybal-Allard	Swalwell
Moulton	Ruiz	Takano
Mrvan	Ruppersberger	Thompson (CA)
Murphy (FL)	Rush	Thompson (MS)
Nadler	Ryan (NY)	Titus
Napolitano	Ryan (OH)	Tonko
Neal	Sánchez	Torres (CA)
Neguse	Sarbanes	Torres (NY)
Newman	Scanlon	Trahan
Norcross	Schakowsky	Trone
O'Halleran	Schiff	Underwood
Omar	Schneider	Vargas
Pallone	Schrader	Veasey
Panetta	Schrier	Velázquez
Pappas	Scott (VA)	Wasserman
Pascarell	Scott, David	Schultz
Payne	Sewell	Waters
Pelosi	Sherman	Watson Coleman
Peltola	Sherrill	Welch
Perlmutter	Sires	Wexton
Peters	Slotkin	Wild
Phillips	Smith (WA)	Williams (GA)
Pingree	Soto	Wilson (FL)
Pocan	Spanberger	Yarmuth

NAYS—215

Aderholt	Franklin, C.	Massie
Allen	Scott	Mast
Amodei	Fulcher	McCarthy
Armstrong	Gaetz	McCaul
Arrington	Gallagher	McClain
Babin	Garbarino	McClintock
Bacon	Garcia (CA)	McHenry
Baird	Gibbs	McKinley
Balderson	Gimenez	Meijer
Banks	Gohmert	Meuser
Barr	Gonzales, Tony	Miller (IL)
Bentz	Gonzalez (OH)	Miller (WV)
Bergman	Good (VA)	Miller-Meeks
Bice (OK)	Gooden (TX)	Moolenaar
Biggs	Gosar	Mooney
Bilirakis	Granger	Moore (AL)
Bishop (NC)	Graves (LA)	Moore (UT)
Boebert	Graves (MO)	Mullin
Bost	Green (TN)	Murphy (NC)
Bowman	Greene (GA)	Nehls
Brady	Griffith	Newhouse
Brooks	Grothman	Norman
Buchanan	Guest	Oberholte
Buck	Guthrie	Ocasio-Cortez
Bucshon	Harris	Owens
Budd	Harshbarger	Palazzo
Burchett	Hartzler	Palmer
Burgess	Hern	Pence
Bush	Herrell	Perry
Calvert	Herrera Beutler	Pfleger
Cammack	Hice (GA)	Posey
Carey	Higgins (LA)	Reschenthaler
Carl	Hill	Rice (SC)
Carter (GA)	Hinson	Rodgers (WA)
Carter (TX)	Hollingsworth	Rogers (AL)
Cawthorn	Hudson	Rogers (KY)
Chabot	Huizenga	Rose
Cline	Issa	Rosendale
Cloud	Jackson	Rouzer
Clyde	Jacobs (NY)	Roy
Cole	Johnson (LA)	Rutherford
Comer	Johnson (OH)	Salazar
Conway	Johnson (SD)	Scalise
Crawford	Jordan	Schweikert
Crenshaw	Joyce (OH)	Scott, Austin
Curtis	Joyce (PA)	Sempolinski
Davidson	Katko	Sessions
Davis, Rodney	Keller	Simpson
DesJarlais	Kelly (MS)	Smith (MO)
Diaz-Balart	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NE)
Donalds	Kim (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Duncan	Kinzing	Smucker
Dunn	Kustoff	Spartz
Ellzey	LaHood	Stauber
Emmer	LaMalfa	Steel
Estes	Lamborn	Stefanik
Fallon	Latta	Steil
Feenstra	LaTurner	Steube
Ferguson	Lesko	Stewart
Finstad	Letlow	Taylor
Fischbach	Long	Tenney
Fitzgerald	Loudermilk	Thompson (PA)
Fitzpatrick	Lucas	Tiffany
Fleischmann	Luetkemeyer	Timmons
Flood	Mace	Tlaib
Flores	Malliotakis	Turner
Fox	Mann	Upton

Valadao	Waltz	Williams (TX)
Van Drew	Weber (TX)	Wilson (SC)
Van Deyne	Webster (FL)	Wittman
Wagner	Wenstrup	Womack
Walberg	Westerman	Zeldin

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Pressley

NOT VOTING—1

Cheney

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Mr. COHEN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Baird (Bucshon)	Gonzales, Tony	Norman (Babin)
Barr (Guthrie)	(Fleischmann)	Palazzo
Barragan (Beyer)	Granger (Ellzey)	(Fleischmann)
Bass (Correa)	Johnson (GA)	Pascrell
Blumenauer	(Pallone)	(Pallone)
(Beyer)	Johnson (TX)	Payne (Pallone)
Bowman (Ocasio-Cortez)	(Stevens)	Perlmutter
Brown (MD)	Keating (Correa)	(Neguse)
(Trone)	Kinzing	Quigley (Kelly)
Burgess (Weber)	(Meijer)	(IL)
(TX)	Kirkpatrick	Rice (NY)
Bustos	(Pallone)	(Wasserman)
(Brownley)	Lamb (Pallone)	Schultz
Cawthorn	Long	Rice (SC)
(Donalds)	(Fleischmann)	(Meijer)
Chu (Beyer)	Loudermilk	Ryan (OH)
Conway	(Fleischmann)	(Correa)
(LaMalfa)	Mace (Timmons)	Sánchez
Cuellar (Garcia)	McEachin	(Pallone)
(TX)	(Beyer)	Scott, David
DeSaulnier	Meng (Escobar)	(Correa)
(Beyer)	Moore (WI)	Sewell (Cicilline)
DesJarlais	(Beyer)	Sires (Pallone)
(Fleischmann)	Moulton	Suozi (Beyer)
Dingell (Stevens)	(Stevens)	Swaiwell
Fallon (Ellzey)	Murphy (FL)	(Correa)
Frankel, Lois	(Wasserman)	Vargas (Correa)
(Brownley)	Schultz	Welch (Pallone)
Gibbs (Bucshon)	Napolitano	Wilson (SC)
Gomez (Correa)	(Correa)	(Dunn)
	Newman (Beyer)	

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MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE ACT OF 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1377, I call up the bill (H.R. 8542) to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and political subdivisions thereof to hire, employ, train, and dispatch mental health professionals to respond in lieu of law enforcement officers in emergencies involving one or more persons with a mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KILDEE). Pursuant to House Resolution 1377, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8542

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 "Mental Health Justice Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO ACT AS FIRST RESPONDERS.

Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–31 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 520N. GRANTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO ACT AS FIRST RESPONDERS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary, and in consultation with the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, shall award grants to States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and political subdivisions thereof to establish or expand programs—

"(1) to hire, employ, train, and dispatch mental health professionals to respond in lieu of law enforcement officers in emergencies in which—

"(A) an individual calling 911, 988, or another emergency hotline states that a person—

"(i) is in a mental health crisis; or

"(ii) may have a mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability;

"(B) a law enforcement officer or other first responder identifies a person as having (or possibly having) a mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability; or

"(C) a law enforcement officer or other first responder identifies a person as being (or possibly being) under the influence of a legal or illegal substance;

"(2) to include in the training for mental health professionals pursuant to paragraph (1) training in—

"(A) the principles of deescalation; and

"(B) developmentally appropriate techniques;

"(3) to ensure that such mental health professionals link persons described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1) with voluntary community-based services where appropriate;

"(4) to train the staff of dispatch centers regarding the proper handling of a report of an emergency described in paragraph (1), including training in the principles and techniques referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2); and

"(5) to coordinate with law enforcement agencies, which may include operating independently from but in collaboration with a law enforcement agency, or operating within such an agency.

"(b) ADDITIONAL AWARDS.—The Secretary shall make an additional award of funds under this section each fiscal year to grantees that—

"(1) are in compliance with all conditions of their awards under this section, including the conditions specified in subsections (a) and (d); and

"(2) demonstrate that their programs under this section resulted in—

"(A) a notable reduction in the incarceration and death of persons with mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability; or

"(B) a notable reduction in the use of force by police and a notable increase in referrals of persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability to community-based, voluntary support services (other than institutionalization or carceral support services).

"(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and political subdivisions thereof that—

"(1) have high rates of arrests and incarceration of persons with a mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability;

"(2) commit to increasing resources for mental health and community-based support services or solutions for such persons; or

"(3) include peer support specialists in their current first responder model.

"(d) REPORTING.—

"(1) BY GRANTEEES.—A recipient of a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary—

"(A) a quarterly report on—

"(i) the number and percentage of emergencies where mental health professionals were dispatched in lieu of law enforcement officers pursuant to assistance under this section;

"(ii) such other matters as the Secretary may require for determining whether the recipient should receive an additional award under subsection (b); and

"(iii) any increase or decrease, compared to any previous quarter, in incarceration or institutionalization as a result of dispatching mental health professionals pursuant to assistance under this section, disaggregated to include data specific to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illnesses where available and permitted to be disclosed under applicable privacy law, so as—

"(I) to provide a critical baseline analysis; and

"(II) to ensure that mental health practitioners are not simply funneling individuals into other institutionalized settings; and

"(B) a final report on the use of such grant.

"(2) BY SECRETARY.—Not later than 1 year after awarding the first grant under this section, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report on the grant program under this section.

"(3) DISAGGREGATION OF DATA.—The reporting pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) shall, to the extent determined by the Secretary to be applicable, be disaggregated by age, sex, gender, race, and ethnicity.

"(e) REVOCATION OF GRANT.—If the Secretary finds, based on reporting under subsection (d) or other information, that activities funded through a grant under this section are leading to a significant increase in incarceration or institutionalization—

"(1) the Secretary shall revoke the grant; and

"(2) the grantee shall repay to the Federal Government any amounts that the grantee—

"(A) received through the grant; and

"(B) has not obligated or expended.

"(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary, and in consultation with the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, shall provide technical assistance to grantees under this section (or other Federal law), and to other States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and political subdivisions thereof to hire, employ, train, and dispatch mental health professionals to respond in lieu of law enforcement officers, as described in subsection (a).

"(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms 'Indian Tribe', 'Tribal organization', and 'Urban Indian organization' have the meanings given to the terms 'Indian tribe', 'tribal organization', and 'Urban Indian organization', respectively, in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

"(h) FUNDING.—To carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated \$250,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2023 through 2027."

SEC. 3. STUDY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of programs and