

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 1877

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## AN ACT

To amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mental Health First  
3 Aid Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING GRANTS.**

5 Section 520J of the Public Health Service Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 290bb–41) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**MEN-**  
8 **TAL HEALTH AWARENESS**” before “**TRAINING**”;  
9 and

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
12 “ILLNESS” and inserting “HEALTH”;

13 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, vet-  
14 erans, law enforcement, and other categories of  
15 individuals, as determined by the Secretary,”  
16 after “emergency services personnel”;

17 (C) in paragraph (5)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
19 graph (A), by striking “to” and inserting  
20 “for evidence-based programs that provide  
21 education to teachers, personnel, and other  
22 categories of individuals described in para-  
23 graph (1) on at least”; and

24 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A)  
25 through (C) and inserting the following:

1           “(A) recognizing the signs and symptoms  
2 of mental illness; and

3           “(B) either—

4                 “(i) resources available in the commu-  
5 nity for individuals with a mental illness  
6 and other relevant resources; or

7                 “(ii) the safe de-escalation of crisis  
8 situations involving individuals with a men-  
9 tal illness.”; and

10           (D) in paragraph (7), by striking “,  
11 \$25,000,000” and all that follows through the  
12 period at the end and inserting “\$14,963,000  
13 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,  
2016.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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