

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3331

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to modify requirements for local school wellness policies.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2023

Ms. MANNING (for herself and Mr. VALADAO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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 “Improving Mental  
5        Health and Wellness in Schools Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. LOCAL SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY.**

7        Section 9A of the Richard B. Russell National School  
8        Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758b) is amended—

9                (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “mental  
2 health promotion and education,” after “phys-  
3 ical activity,”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “obe-  
5 sity;” and inserting “obesity and eating dis-  
6 orders;”;

7 (C) in paragraph (3)—

8 (i) by striking “agency permit” and  
9 inserting the following: “agency—  
10 “(A) permit”;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-  
12 ignated)—

13 (I) by inserting “registered dieti-  
14 tians, school-based mental health serv-  
15 ices providers,” after “school adminis-  
16 trators,”; and

17 (II) by adding “and” after the  
18 semicolon at the end; and

19 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 “(B) establish a multidisciplinary team of  
22 school personnel to lead the development, imple-  
23 mentation, and periodic review and updating of  
24 the local school wellness policy;” and

1 (D) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “1”  
2 and inserting “2”; and

3 (2) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) by inserting “in consultation with  
6 the Administrator of the Substance Abuse  
7 and Mental Health Services Administra-  
8 tion,” after “Prevention,”; and

9 (ii) by inserting “school-based mental  
10 health services providers (when available),”  
11 after “school food authorities,”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2)(C)—

13 (i) by striking “required to promote”  
14 and inserting the following: “required—

15 “(i) to promote”; and

16 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 “(ii) to promote mental health, en-  
19 courage mental health assessments, and es-  
20 tablish resilient school environments; and”;  
21 and

22 (C) in paragraph (3)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
24 “Prevention,” and inserting “Prevention  
25 and the Administrator of the Substance

1 Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin-  
2 istration,”;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
4 “2014,” and inserting “2026,”; and

5 (iii) by striking subparagraph (D).

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