

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5976

To establish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative in the National Institutes of Health for purposes of encouraging collaborative research to improve youth mental health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2023

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TRONE, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BALINT, Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Youth Mental Health
3 Research Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MENTAL**
5 **HEALTH.**

6 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following:

9 **“SEC. 409K. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON YOUTH MEN-**
10 **TAL HEALTH.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall estab-
12 lish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative, to be led
13 by the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health,
14 in collaboration with the Director of the Eunice Kennedy
15 Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human
16 Development and the Director of the National Institute
17 on Minority Health and Health Disparities, to coordinate
18 and encourage collaboration among the national research
19 institutes and national centers with respect to funda-
20 mental and applied research on youth mental health, in-
21 cluding—

22 “(1) social, behavioral, cognitive, and develop-
23 mental research, to build resilience, increase the ca-
24 pacity of communities to identify and care for youth
25 at risk or in crisis; and

1 “(2) research to improve the targeting and de-
2 livery of mental health interventions in clinical and
3 community settings where youth live, play, work,
4 and learn.

5 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
7 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
8 2028.”.

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